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ALERT AS 40 HOMES HIT BY BURGLARIES

by David Lumb

A SPATE of more than 40 burglaries in Sandwell in a matter of weeks has prompted the police to issue a special warning to householders.

The thieves have been gaining entry to homes through unlocked doors and windows and stealing high-value electrical goods and jewellery.

Officers are urging people to make sure that doors and windows are locked to help prevent them becoming victims.

They are also giving out free property marking equipment.

Det Ch Insp Paul Betts of Sandwell police said: "It is important that people check their doors and windows are locked, especially if they are upstairs."

A break-in through an insecure window could mean the householder struggling to make an insurance claim, he said.

Portable electrical goods and jewellery have been among the items stolen. Most cases have been in Hateley Heath, Tividale and Great Barr.

Vulnerable

Areas in Sandwell vulnerable to break-ins are now receiving property marking equipment from police.

Property can be marked with a special pen and the mark is visible under UV light. Barcode stickers are available from police for larger items, such as TVs and bicycles.

Mr Betts added: "Many smartphones, can download location software or apps which use GPS to locate property. We can use this to help trace stolen items which might make criminals think twice about burglary."

Anyone with information about the burglaries should call 101.

Raiders find hole new way in at bank

ROBBERS cut a hole through the wall of a Warley bank to steal tens of thousands of pounds from a cash machine.

The thieves struck at the Lloyds TSB branch in Hagley Road West on Sunday. The raid was discovered when staff arrived at work on Monday and found the hole, just big enough for one person to squeeze through.

Detectives say it was a "well planned heist" and are appealing for witnesses.

The bank has issued a reward of up to £25,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thieves.

Det Sgt Michael Greenland of West Midlands Police said: "The robbery happened just a few feet from the busy Hagley Road West and the offenders placed a tarpaulin sheet over the rear yard to hide their activities. They clearly knew what they were doing."

He urged anyone with information to call police.

Woman is taken to hospital after fire

AN elderly woman was found collapsed at her home in Cradley Heath after a blaze broke out in the kitchen.

Firefighters discovered the unconscious pensioner.

She is believed to have suffered severe smoke inhalation during the fire, which happened on Sunday.

Crews were called to the terraced house in Bearmore Road, Cradley Heath, at 4.45pm.

The woman was taken to Sandwell Hospital in a "very poorly" condition.

West Midlands Fire spokesman Dave Burns said: "The fire itself was not serious but the elderly lady living there has taken in a fair amount of smoke."

It is believed a neighbour or passer-by raised the alarm after seeing smoke billowing from the rear of the house. Crews from Smethwick and Cradley Heath were called to the scene.

Fire investigators have visited the property to identify the cause of the blaze.

In Birmingham, a woman died on Sunday after inhaling smoke at a fire in her home in the Aston area of the city.

The fire service was withholding further details until her relatives could be told.

Sad farewell to Lord King

HUNDREDS of people attended the funeral last week of former Sandwell Council leader and mayor Lord Tarsem King.

Roebuck Lane, where Lord King lived, was closed off and wardens were on hand to help with parking as the mourners, including politicians and dignitaries, paid their last respects.

People started lining the street an hour before the funeral procession started its journey to Sandwell Valley Crematorium.

Lord King was 75. He leaves his wife Mohinder, son, Raj, and two grandchildren.

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Bandstand wedding will be a first

Maria Botten and Lee Wilson who will be the first couple to get married at the newly licenced Bandstand in Lightwoods Park, Bearwood, Sandwell

HAPPY couple Maria Botten and Lee Wilson are looking forward to their forthcoming marriage being a first for Bearwood.

Lightwoods Park has been granted a licence to hold weddings at its bandstand – and Maria and Lee Wilson, of Gladys Road, have booked to be the first ceremony for May 24.

Richard Marshall, of Friends of Lightwoods Park, said it was planned to restore Lightwoods House, which is now closed, and it was possible weddings could be held there too.

He said: "This is a stepping stone on the path to the full renovation of this beautiful house and parkland. We hope that in a few years, members of the public will be able to walk along the corridors of this house as a married couple."

It is 110 years since Julia Adkins, whose family had owned the house for generations, married Rev Henry Tilley, and the reception was held there.

Showcase

The park was eventually handed over to Birmingham City Council, but it was returned to Sandwell Council's control.

Sandwell has got through the first stage of a bid for £3.2million worth of lottery funding to restore the park. The second stage is scheduled for February 21.

Deputy leader Councillor Steve Eling said: "I am pleased that the bandstand in Lightwoods Park has been granted a licence to hold weddings. The people of Bearwood want the park to be a showcase for the whole of Sandwell."

Six men guilty of plotting £130k raid

SIX men were found guilty of plotting a £130,000 robbery at a West Bromwich bank.

On Monday a jury at Warwick Crown Court convicted them of conspiring to rob the Co-op Bank in High Street, West Bromwich on November 26, 2011.

Three others were found not guilty of conspiracy to rob and of conspiracy to steal.

Shakeel Rafiq aged 31, of Roebuck Lane, West Bromwich, and eight others had pleaded not guilty to conspiring to rob Natalie Mashhadi and Rebecca Maxam.

But during the trial he pleaded guilty to an alternative charge of conspiring with four others to steal from the bank.

Ashley Douglas, 28, of Lambeth, 19-year-old twins Ibrahim and Akim Lyazi, of Tooting, and Jamal Mahmood, 23, of Wandsworth, also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to steal.

However, yesterday the five men, as well as Mohammed Masud, 30, of Devereux Road, West Bromwich, were found guilty of conspiracy to rob. They will be sentenced later.

Gurminder Johal, 25, of Burlington Road, West Bromwich, Jaspal Rai, 20, of Richard Parkes House, Wednesbury and Afzal Khan, 29, of Grove Lane, Handsworth, were cleared of both charges.

35 Big Mac jobs on way

MCDONALD'S announced it is to create 35 jobs in the Black Country, as part of a commitment to recruit 2,500 staff in the UK by the end of the year.

McDonald's franchisee, Paul Ramsey who owns three restaurants in Oldbury and West Bromwich, said: "In 2012 we added some fantastic crew from the local community to our team. I believe it's important to continue giving young people the chance to get experience."

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128 drivers get red route parking tickets

NEARLY 130 drivers have been stung with parking tickets since controversial red route restrictions came into force near the West Bromwich Albion ground.

The no-stopping regulations were introduced last year on key roads including Kenrick Way and Telford Way, where Baggies fans used to cram on to central verges on match days at The Hawthorns.

Sandwell Council has now revealed that 128 parking tickets have been given out and £3,955 has been received in fines since the changes were brought about.

But bosses say match day traffic woes have been eased since the introduction of the new rules.

Sandwell Council's neighbourhood boss councillor Ian Jones said: "I think the success of the scheme can be judged by the travelling public on match days. Before the red route restrictions were introduced there used to be a free-for-all. We would have cars parking anywhere they could – on kerbs, roundabouts, across junctions. We feel we have now alleviated that."

The scheme came into force on August 16 as part of an £8.6 million borough-wide plan to ease traffic congestion, improve traffic flow and make better provision for legal parking.

As well as Kenrick Way and Telford Way, the red route restrictions were also introduced in Trinity Way, Kelvin Way, Bromford Road, Oldbury Ringway and Churchbridge.

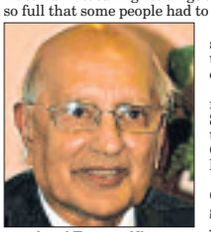
Councillor Jones said there were no plans to expand the scheme.

Hundreds turn out for the funeral of Lord King

HUNDREDS of people braved wintry conditions to pay tribute to Lord Tarsem King at his funeral.

Mourners began lining the streets more than an hour before the funeral procession left the 75-year-old's home in Roebuck Lane, West Bromwich, at 8am last Thursday.

There was by a 45-minute service at Sandwell Valley Crematorium featuring readings and prayers. The chapel was so full that some people had to stay in the meeting room.



Lord Tarsem King

Others had to watch the service from special screens that had been erected outside.

Among those to pay their respects to the former Sandwell Council leader was the present leader Darren Cooper who said: "Today is a humble day for me.

"Lord King led Sandwell Council, a role he filled with great skill and compassion. As leader I can only hope I do the job half as well as he did."

West Bromwich MP Tom Watson said Lord King would be remembered as a towering figure in the Labour party, a great politician and spokesman.

Respect

"We will also remember him as a friend and the values of respect, peace and patience he leaves us," he said.

Lord King died last week after being taken ill in London.

He was leader of Sandwell Council from 1997 to 2001 and was elevated to the House of Lords in 1999 when he became the first Sikh life peer.

He was patron of the Universal Peace Federation, hosting the UN International Women's Day for several years, and human rights conferences.

At the service MP Keith Vaz said: "Today the family have lost a father, grandfather and husband but the country has lost as a giant.

"Today we say goodbye to a part of us."

Driver in burning car terror

A DRIVER suffered burns to his hands, face and back when his car caught fire while he was in it.

It is understood an electrical fault started the fire in the Mitsubishi 4x4, which erupted in flames in Arran Close, Great Barr, last week.

The 52-year-old driver managed to open the door and get out. A passer-by called 999.

Firefighter Phillip Richards said: "The man could not find the door handle because smoke quickly filled the car.

"We think the fire came from the dashboard. He saw a bit of smoke and the next thing he knew the car was on fire."

The man was taken to Sandwell Hospital.

AA start for youngsters' careers

With some of the apprentices at AA, front left, recruitment and development manager Sarah Whitehouse, front right, with apprentice team manager Vicky Lowe

YOUNG people are being given a career boost thanks to an apprenticeship scheme with the AA.

The centre in Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury, currently employs 20 apprentices and has recently received the go ahead for a further 30.

The 12 month apprenticeship is in NVQ level 2 customer service. The trainees are based at the AA for four days and attend college once a week.They are based in the road services call centre and work in a call centre environment interacting with people from different departments, dealing with the AA patrol force, garage agents, customers and external resources.

Dave Holbrook, head of road services, said: "We are giving them a chance to come in and learn a trade straight from school."

Concerns produce increased security

SECURITY has been stepped up and CCTV increased in parts of Sandwell after residents raised concerns with councillors.

In the Oldbury area Sandwell Council deputy leader councillor Mahboob Hussain worked with Agewell, police and residents to identify areas for improvement at Paget, Heronville and Wyrley Houses, as well as surrounding roads.

Concerns were raised over fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour, and also parking around three multi-storey blocks at Monk Close.

Councillor Hussain said: "We have remedied this by arranging for security gates to be installed to the side of Monk Close and are looking into the possibility of creating more parking spaces in the area."

In the Friar Park area CCTV has been increased in a bid to stop nuisance quad bike riders and people allowing their dogs to foul.

Councillor Simon Hackett said: "We have moved quickly on items raised by local people, including motor bike and quad bike nuisance and dog fouling."

Society in move on new HQ

PLANS for the new headquarters of the West Bromwich Building Society are steaming ahead after architects for the new development were appointed.

Birmingham-based Associated Architects will design the new building to accommodate up to 700 staff. It is due to be completed by the end of 2014.

The society, based in High Street, announced in September that it would move its 500 staff to the Point North development at The Waterfront, close to Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

However, it later made a U-turn on the plans and revealed late last year that it would remain in the town.

The new headquarters will be built at Providence Place, close to the new £200million New Square shopping and leisure development off All Saints Way.

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Drivers caught out by thieves

DRIVERS in the Sandwell area were caught out by thieves when they left their cars unattended to warm up.

One Tipton driver's Citroen was stolen from the driveway after they left the keys in the ignition.

And an Astra left defrosting unattended in Rowley Regis was also stolen.

Police have been carrying out early morning patrols to deter thieves and alert motorists.

They found one car left on a driveway in Princes End, Tipton, with its heater on while the owner had a shower, while another motorist left his car running as he finished breakfast.

Officers warned both men they could have attracted opportunist thieves.

Sgt Samantha Jones, from Sandwell Police, said: "People are waking to find vehicles frozen over and thinking they'll save time by turning the engine on and leaving it to defrost whilst they collect belongings or finish breakfast.

"They may only be a minute, but that's all the time thieves need to speed off.

"And insurance companies are unlikely to pay out in cases where a vehicle has been left unoccupied with keys in the ignition."

Football fans are praised

TWO football fans have been praised for helping a 65-year-old woman who was knocked to the ground outside the West Bromwich Albion ground

Steve Barnes and his partner Dawn Green sprang into action to help the woman who suffered a broken nose in Birmingham Road on the day of the match with Fulham.

The couple helped stop the bleeding and took the woman to her car.

Mr Barnes contacted the club after an appeal was put on Albion's Facebook page to enable the family to say thank-you.

Mr Barnes said: "We did what anyone would do."

Dozens of fans have since taken to Facebook to praise the couple.

Tributes as choir founder dies at 81

Brian Porter

TRIBUTES have been paid to Brian Porter, a former teacher and founder member of Cradley Heath's Voices in Harmony choir, who has died at the age of 81.

Mr Porter who was with the choir since it was founded in 1997, was described as "caring, loving and loyal" by relatives and friends.

Mr Porter, of Halesowen, took part in the choir's first public event, a performance of Handel's Messiah in West Bromwich Town Hall with the Sandwell Youth Orchestra. He vowed to continue performing with the choir for as long as he could, but the rehearsal following the Festival of Remembrance in November was his final one as he was taken ill shortly afterwards.

Mr Porter was a teacher and held posts at Woodgate Primary and Woodcock Hill Primary Schools, both in Bartley Green, Birmingham.

Among his hobbies was ballroom, country and line dancing and he attended sessions every week with his wife of 58 years, Lorna.

He was also a keen rambler and would go for a three to five-mile walk every Monday with a group of walkers.

Mr Porter leaves Lorna, son Kevin and three grandchildren.

Paying tribute to her husband, Mrs Porter said: "He was a caring and loving husband, father and grandfather."

Choir Musical Director Stephen Bradley said: "Brian loved to sing and he had been a loyal member for all the choir's 16 years and will be sorely missed."

Members of Voices in Harmony choir, which has around 70 members, sang Abide with Me at his funeral, which was held at Stourbridge Crematorium.

Family and friends attending the funeral made donations to The Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK and The Foundation for Sudden Infant Deaths.

Champion effort to battle the snow during big freeze

THOUSANDS of Snow Champions have stepped in at Sandwell in the last few days to help keep the streets clear.

The council launched the £23,000 Snow Champion scheme to tackle ice and snow last year and this year more than 6,000 people signed up.

Among those shouldering the responsibility are Bearwood father-of-three Richard Marshall, who was one of the first to sign up to the scheme after his mother in-law, who is in her 80s, was snowed in at her bungalow in Langley.

"A couple of years ago it snowed really badly and all the elderly people living in Underhill Street – including my mother-in-law – were effectively snowed in," he said.

"There was no provision for getting them out and they couldn't get any gritters down there because it was a side road.

"I complained to the council but they said there was nothing they could do so I went down with my son and spent most of the day clearing the area for them.

"They were so pleased with what we had done. They said we were kind and sweet and all that kind of stuff.

"So when the council launched the Snow Champion scheme I felt I had to lead by example."

Mr Marshall, who is chairman of the Bearwood Traders Association, was sent a kit from the council consisting of a shovel, salt and high-visibility vest.

"In times of hardship I believe you have got to help each other out," he said. "You can't rely on the council to do everything."

Fantastic

Sandwell Council leader Councillor Darren Cooper came up with the idea in Sandwell last winter and has spent the last few days helping clear paths using his own kit.

He said: "The community spirit is absolutely fantastic.

"We have got pictures coming in from people all over Sandwell doing their bit for their friends and neighbours and it has been a tremendous response by the people of Sandwell.

"On top of that the council response in terms of keeping the roads clear has been second to none. I have cleared snow outside the old age pensioner bungalows outside my house."

Ice buster – Snow Champion Richard Marshall at Lightwoods Park, Bearwood, with the snow shovel and de-icer provided by Sandwell Council

Tim Childe, of Halesowen, part of the West Midlands 4x4 Response team

Sandwell Council leader Darren Cooper has been helping to clear paths

The council has already delivered an extra tub of salt to everyone who applied to be a Snow Champion last winter.

One thousand kits went to people who applied to be Snow Champions but missed out because the council ran out of kits due to demand.

Similar initiatives have been slow off the ground elsewhere in the region. Staffordshire County Council has an Ice Busters scheme, where parish councils in the county are supplied with grit so they can clear ice from side roads and footpaths.

Telford and Wrekin Council has a snow patrol, a team of 51 volunteers, who clean streets from snow and ice to make sure elderly residents are safe.

And since last Friday, volunteers from the West Midlands 4x4 Response Group have been called out to help on more than 130 occasions. The team use their 4x4 off road vehicles to help out the emergency services to rescue those who are in trouble, and to transport medical and support staff around the region in bad weather.

Group chairman Simon Brothwood said responders had been sent as far afield as North Staffs, Burton, Hednesford, as well as the Women's Hospital in Birmingham.

NEWS in brief

Pressure eases on ambulances

PRESSURE on the region's ambulance service has eased after a busy festive period, bosses said.

Training and non-essential meetings were cancelled during the busy spell. But this week, the demand has dropped to a level where training and meetings can resume. Overtime has also been relaxed. Spokesman Chris Kowalik said: "We are still seeing on average 2,300 to 2,400 calls a day, which is below the baseline for winter, but up on summer."

Reserve appeal for volunteers

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to help run Sot's Hole Nature Reserve off Dagger Lane in West Bromwich.

Volunteers do not need to be experienced. All they need is a pair of strong shoes or boots.

The appeal has gone out from the Friends Group which is organising a series of events next year.

For information call 0121 553 0220.

Police renew robbery plea

POLICE have renewed an appeal for information after a blind train passenger was robbed by someone who first offered to help him.

Officers want any witnesses to the robbery, at Birmingham New Street Station, to come forward. The victim lost £200 in cash. He had entered the station at around 7.15pm on November 19.People can call British Transport Police on 0800 40 50 40.

Dogged police work in snow

TWO men arrested on suspicion of metal theft after police followed a dog's paw prints in the snow have been bailed.

The men, 21 and 33, were held on suspicion of theft after a gas main was torn from a home in Langley Avenue, Coseley, last Friday. Both were released on police bail pending further inquiries.

Trainee success

A HALESOWEN College leaver has won a job as a trainee with a firm of accountants. Sukhdeep Siotha has joined the Edgbaston-based JW Hinks chartered accountants in Birmingham. He is now taking his AAT course.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

SOME weeks ago I warned readers to watch out for hard objects while eating pheasant. They could be lead shot. It might also be wise to watch out for hard objects while eating beefburgers. They could be horseshoes.

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I WANTED a DVD of a classic drama series. Even a dinosaur like me knows there are two ways to do this. The first is to get up, get the car started, drive into town, find a parking place, buy a parking ticket, make your way to the DVD shop, avoiding the Big Issue sellers and charity muggers, find the DVD is out of stock and ask the shop staff if they can get you a copy. If they can, then you repeat the entire procedure a few days later and pay way over the odds for the DVD, plus £4 or so for the parking. The other way is to go online, buy the DVD at eBay for half the high-street price and get it delivered to your door by an obliging Portuguese courier who calls you Mr Roadez. The wonder is not that HMV have gone bust but that their chain of town-centre shops lasted so long. The high street as we know it is doomed and the sooner we start turning department stores into apartments and houses, the better.

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MEANWHILE, a reader who enjoys the old-fashioned shopping experience tells me in one store he was invited to "pre-order" a book. He muses, what is the difference between pre-ordering and simply ordering?

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HERE we go again. Yet another reader joins the growing ranks of people who, soon after encountering the NHS, get unsolicited contacts from private companies. She's a middle-aged lady who discovered at a routine blood test just before Christmas that her cholesterol was alarmingly high. Sure enough, three weeks later she was contacted by a health screening company which had already fixed a local appointment for her. She says it's either "a massive coincidence or something very fishy." Having had dozens of similar reports from readers, I think we can dismiss the coincidence line. My suspicion is that some employees of the NHS routinely sell private information.

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A FREEZE on recruitment has created a nationwide shortage of police officers aged under 26, prompting one police commissioner to express fears about "the need to engage with younger people." Really? I seem to recall when I was a teenager and a young driver, the best sort of engaging came from older, wiser officers. The ones in their early 20s were more like school bullies.

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TWIN brothers in Belgium were born deaf. At the age of 45 they were told they were both going blind. Unable to face the prospect, they asked to be put to death under Belgium's euthanasia laws, even though neither fitted the legal demand of being terminally ill or in pain. It was reported this week that they died of lethal injection on December 14. Has this case shocked Belgians into rethinking the law? Not at all. Under a new amendment, euthanasia will soon be available for children and Alzheimer's sufferers. When British enthusiasts for euthanasia talk blithely about "safeguards," just look across the North Sea and shudder.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Councils reverse 17,800 parking fines

THOUSANDS of parking fines are being handed out wrongly in Sandwell and the rest of the region, with hundreds of thousands of pounds in fines being reversed as a result.

Councils cancelled more than 17,800 tickets last year for machine problems, attendant errors and the driver holding a disabled badge.

Sandwell Council overturned 5,350 tickets in the year 2011 to 2012, Walsall Council cancelled 3,588 tickets and Stafford Borough Council cancelled 1,938 tickets.

Dudley Council overturned 1,434 tickets, which equates to £79,541 in lost fines, while Wolverhampton Council cancelled 5,573 tickets, which would have brought in an extra £262,715.

In Sandwell, there were 544 "attendant errors" while, in 1,297 cases, the fine was scrapped after it was revealed the driver was a disabled badge holder.

A duplicated car registration number was blamed on 41 occasions.

Councillor Ian Jones, cabinet member for neighbourhood services, said: "We have always said that if people get a ticket and feel that it has been issued unjustly, they should appeal."

In Dudley, tickets were cancelled for reasons including faulty machines and inadequate signs. Councillor Judy Foster said all appeals were investigated to ensure motorists got a fair deal.

"Parking enforcement is not a tool with which to beat the motorist and extract money from them, but one of a range of measures to attract tourism and trade to Dudley and protect the interests of existing businesses and residents by keeping the borough moving," she said.

New application put in to create academy

A SECOND application has been made to create a free school in Sandwell which would create up to 160 jobs, it has been revealed.

The proposed Guru Nanak Academy, Smethwick, was unsuccessful in receiving backing from the Department for Education last year.

Now a new bid has been drawn up for a school which would cater for all-through education from ages four to 16, a first for the borough.

It has been put together by a group of teachers and parents and, if approved, would open with a reception year and Year One intake of two forms each.

There is a phased development plan for the school to reach full capacity by 2024.

Support

The Guru Nanak Academy Trust is among 32 groups of teachers, parents and charities to have won a place earlier in the year on a national programme designed to provide tailored support for groups applying to set up new schools.

Run by independent education charity the New Schools Network, the programme aims to support free schools groups as they prepare to submit their applications.

Balbinder Singh Paneser, education lead to the Guru Nanak Academy said: "We are delighted to be making this application for a new school for Sandwell.

"To date over 300 families have already come forward to support our proposals."

A decision on the application is expected this spring.

Beauty spot plan

A BEAUTY spot could be turned into a nature reserve to help protect the site if new plans are successful.

Sandwell Council is working to secure formal nature reserve status for Hydes Road Pool, in Wednesbury. If successful it would open up new sources of funding to carry out environmental and educational schemes.

Golden couple renew wedding vows

John and Jean Northall renewing their wedding vows

TWO lovebirds who tied the knot in1963 have shown their commitment to each other 50 years on by renewing their vows at the same church.

John and Jean Northall were unaware that their son and daughter had organised the surprise ceremony to mark their golden wedding.

Relatives gathered at Oldbury's New Testament Church of God, Church Street to see the service.

Daughter Sarah Plunkett, who organised the event with her brother Chris Northall, said: "It has been absolutely lovely. They had no idea we had organised all this.

"They were shocked. It was a lovely service, really emotional. I shed a tear. "

Mrs Northall, aged 70, met Mr Northall, 71, while working at Dale Street Laundry, Smethwick, in 1958. They courted for five years before tying the knot.

They have lived in Addenbrooke Road, Smethwick, ever since and have three children and six grandchildren.

"The service was a big shock," said Mrs Northall.

"But it was a lovely surprise."

The big day 50 years ago

Give your views on expansion of schools

RESIDENTS have until next month to comment on plans to expand four primary schools in Sandwell under proposals which will create more than 200 new places.

Sandwell Council wants to create new entry forms at All Saints CE and Hargate West Bromwich, and Burnt Tree Primary and Moat Farm Infants, Oldbury.

The move will create an additional 115 reception places by September 2013.

It also wants to extend the age range and expand Annie Lennard Infant School, Oldbury, from September 2014 to create 90 more Key Stage Two places.

A consultation was launched on the schemes with the majority of people who commented on the proposals in favour of them.

Now, people are being given a final chance to have their say on the expansions.

People have until February 11 to object to or make comments on the proposals.

Comments can be made in writing to Paul Hayward, Children's Services, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, B69 9EX.

Expansion projects have previously been announced for Shireland Hall Primary School,Smethwick, Brandhall Primary in Oldbury and Rowley Hall Primary.

Knifemen terror for shop staff

ARMED thieves threatened staff at a West Bromwich shop and stole £200 worth of cigarettes.

Two men brandished knives at Lifestyle Express, in Glover Road.

They were unable to move the till and instead snatched the cigarettes. They fled on foot.

The raid happened at about 7.30pm on January 6.

Dc Ryan Matthews, of the Force CID, said it had been a frightening experience for the staff at the store.

"Fortunately no-one was injured but they were left shaken.

"The robbery happened relatively early in the evening and somebody may have seen something.

"We want anyone with information to come forward."

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Trees will be felled in park's woodland

ABOUT 20 trees are to be felled in a Smethwick park, to allow neighbouring trees to grow to their full potential.

As part of the woodland management regime, Sandwell Council will be thinning the trees in woodland in Lightwoods Park.

The tree surgeons will be felling some of the trees in the densely wooded area at the corner of the park near the Lightwoods Hill and Wigorn Road junction.

Cherie O'Sullivan, Lightwoods Park project officer said: "This area of woodland is over planted and, as part of good woodland management, it is recommended to thin the trees ensuring the healthiest grow to their full potential."

She added the trees were e all the same age and had created a canopy, casting a shadow that prevents ground flora.

It also means the trees were competing for sunlight and were losing some of their smaller branches as a result.

Miss O'Sullivan said an added benefit of thinning the trees was the barren area underneath the canopy would regenerate, and, due to additional bulb planting funded by the lottery project, it was hoped that a wildflower area will grow.

Fall seen in fire service hoax calls

HOAX calls to West Midlands Fire Service have dropped by 13 per cent, new figures show.

Fire engines were also sent out to almost a third fewer hoax calls in the first three quarters of 2012-13.

Between last April and December, 2,308 malicious calls were received in the fire service control room –down 351 from the same period in the year before.

Meanwhile, the service sent crews to 31 per cent fewer hoax incidents – a total of 636 compared with 919 in the previous 12 months.

The service has attributed the drop to using sophisticated call-handling technology and challenging the information offered by hoaxers. Hoax callers who are caught by the police can be fined and jailed.

Reunion led to romance for school pals

LOVE was in the air when Angela Hudson met former schoolfriend Stuart Blower on a holiday in New Zealand.

It was the first time they had seen each other for 33 years – but the two-week holiday turned into a romance, and within months Angela had said goodbye to Wolverhampton and moved to the other side of the world.

She found Stuart on Facebook and, after exchanging messages, he invited her to visit him in Auckland.

Five months later she embarked on the trip and within days of being together she realised he was "the one".

Angela, whose sons from a previous marriage are 25 and 22 and live in Stourbridge, moved to New Zealand permanently.

The 46-year-old, who was a team leader at the Dunelm home furnishing store in Oldbury, said: "It was a big decision but it seemed right."

The couple were friends at Parkfield High School but lost contact when they left. Mr Blower, now 47, went on to work for ADT Security Systems and moved to Auckland in 1998. Angela now works as a store manager at the Suzanne Grae clothing store. Stuart proposed last July and the couple are getting married on Valentine's Day in the resort of Tutukaka, and have invited their family and friends over.

Angela said: "Sometimes I have to pinch myself to believe what's happened. Our families were shocked but they were all really supportive and encouraged us to go for it. It is a different way of life over here and we love it. It is so beautiful."

Angela Hudson and Stuart Blower – it was meant to be

Chilling evidence of bodies targeted by grave robbers

Archaeologist David Doyle surveys the remains of the rare mortsafe

ARCHAEOLOGISTS have discovered evidence of grave robbery, after a 19th century burial ground was excavated.

Experts studying the site of the former Providence Baptist Chapel and graveyard in Sandwell Road, West Bromwich, found a mortsafe – a metal contraption placed round a coffin to stop grave robbers stealing a body.

It is thought to be the only example of a mortsafe recorded in the Midlands. Empty coffins and one filled with scrap metal were also discovered – presumably victims of the bodysnatchers. The mortsafe is now in the collection of Sandwell Museums.

The site of the chapel and burial ground was excavated by Headland Archaeology as part of the work on the A41 underpass and Providence Place.

Grave robbery was common in the 18th and early 19th centuries. Corpses were sold to medical schools.

Evidence

West Bromwich would have been a prime target for the grave robbers who would have supplied the anatomy and medical schools in Birmingham.

The chapel, which was built in 1810, fell out of use by the early 20th century and became a cinema.

A petrol station and the former Sandwell Road depot were later built on the site.

As well as the mortsafe, the team discovered three coffins buried with large planks of wood on top of them – evidence of attempts to deter the body snatchers, and one double decker brick

Report by Naomi Dunning

coffin where the body at the top concealed a false bottom to the coffin and a hidden burial beneath.

Following the excavation, the remains from the 148 graves were removed and given a Baptist burial in Heath Lane cemetery.

Frank Caldwell, Sandwell Council's Museums Manager, said the experts' analysis of the skeletons taught a great deal about the residents of West Bromwich in the early 19th century.

"Many of the skeletons showed excessive wear around the ankles – even some of the young people.

"We think they were working treadle-powered lathes and this was causing repetitive strain injuries."

He added: "The body protected by the mortsafe belonged to a young woman who we found suffered from a disfiguring skin and bone disease, which meant that her remains would have fetched a premium for the body snatchers."

The dig featured on the History Channel's series Grave Trade and an exhibition of the finds is planned.

Archaeologists Dr Graham Eyre Morgan, Dale Rouse and David Doyle at the site

NEWS in brief

Chance for people to air concerns

PEOPLE in Wednesbury area can hear from the council and police at neighbourhood forum meetings.

Sandwell Council organises forums in the borough's neighbourhoods four times a year.

The latest dates and venues are: Wednesbury North – January 31, 6.15-8pm, Wesley Centre, Spring Head.

Friar park–February 5, 6pm-8pm, Mesty Croft Academy School, St Luke's Road.

Wednesbury South – February 21, 6pm-8pm at Leabrook Methodist Church, Leabrook Road North.

Students learn on Dublin trip

TRAVEL and tourism students visited Dublin to find out more about the holiday and short break industry.

For the Halesowen College students it was part of their studies to plan and take part in a successful visit. It will help them prepare for their next piece of work exploring airlines and airports.

Lecturer Laura Lee, said: "They really enjoyed the visit and learned a lot."

Steelers in need of new players

A TIPTON-BASED American football club needs new members.

The Sandwell Steelers want to recruit players, coaches, cheerleaders and staff, to help bring the sport back to the region.

The club is based at Tipton Sports Academy. It is looking for boys and girls from age seven upwards. They train on Sundays from 1pm until 3pm. Visit the website www.sandwellsteelers.co.uk

Library tunes up for course

GUITAR lessons are to be launched at Tipton Library.

Professional musician Linda Simpson, who taught herself to play, will be offering a basic three-lesson course at the Unity Walk venue from next month. The course costs £18. For information call 07979 876929.

£5,000 sleigh ride

THE Tipton Community Association sleigh tour raised more than £5,000 for charity. The ride sees the Santa being pulled along on his sleigh around the town.

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NEWS

Verdict of inspectors has school celebrating

A WEST Bromwich school has been celebrating the result of a recent Ofsted inspection.

Guns Village Primary School in Hanbury Road was given an overall rating of "good" by the Ofsted inspectors – that's one grade better than the "satisfactory" level the school received at its last inspection.

The inspection, on December 12 and 13, gave the school "good" ratings for pupil achievement, teaching quality, pupil behaviour and safety, and leadership and management.

The report said: "Children join the nursery and reception classes with limited skills and knowledge.

"Their good and improving progress prepares them well for Year 1.

Progress

"Older pupils also make good progress due to good teaching, and reach broadly average attainment in English and mathematics by the end of Year 6."

On behaviour the report said pupils interacted well, had good relationships with teachers and felt safe in and around school.

by Tom Mason

They had a good understanding of what constituted safe and unsafe situations and practice.

Staff promoted pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development strongly through different subjects, and work was proudly displayed.

But the inspectors' report said that the school had falled short of being outstanding.

Their report said: "In a very small number of lessons, particularly in Key Stage 1, teachers do not make the best use of time or demand enough from the most able pupils."

The repot added: "Teachers' checking and marking of pupils' work are not always helpful in showing them how to move to the next level."

Building society cooks up cash help for charity

Anil Heera, building society branch manager, with Cat Hayward of Age UK Birmingham

A CHARITY is cooking with gas thanks to a £500 donation from the Perry Barr branch of the West Bromwich building society.

Age UK Birmingham has spent the cash on a new cooker for its day centre at the Old Oscott Community Centre in Birdbrook Road.

A charity spokeswoman said: "The donation has come at just the right time. We were using two electric ovens to cater for our day centre service users, but they had seen better days."

The day centre offers activities including exercise classes, a luncheon club and a carers' social group. With the new cooker it can cater for up to 30 people at a time.

The West Brom had asked customers to vote for an organisation to receive the grant.

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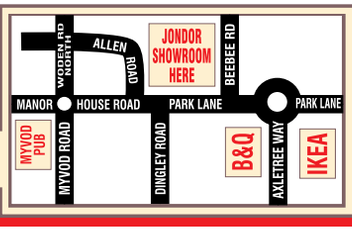

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NEWS

Baby's leg is sliced as cast removed from leg

A BABY needed stitches after a hospital agency worker accidentally cut into his leg while trying to remove a cast, his mother has said.

Tammie Millard, of Wednesbury said her three-month son, MJ Winfield, kicked and screamed in agony as the electric cutter sliced into his leg at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

The tot needed six stitches and had to be resuscitated after he stopped breathing just hours later.

"The person who removed MJ's cast got the cast cutter out his box and told me it would be a bit noisy," said Miss Millard, aged 28.

"MJ was kicking so I held his leg still. Then he started to cut up the leg of the cast.

"That was when I noticed the foot of the cast had blood coming through it.

Bleeding

"I told him to stop and said his foot is bleeding. The man stopped and started to pull at the cast. More blood was coming out."

Later that evening MJ, who was in the cast because of a foot deformity, stopped breathing.

Miss Millard believes this was due to the shock of what had happened or anaesthetic given as the wound was stitched back up.

Miss Millard, of the Furlongs in Wednesbury, said staff told her the person who removed the cast was an agency worker.

Birmingham Children's Hospital confirmed they were investigating the incident on January 2 and apologised.

Tammie Millard, Michael Winfield and baby MJ whose leg needed stitches

Baby MJ recovering after his leg was cut by the agency worker in hospital

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MEMORY LANE

The Crooked House, Himley, where staff and regulars report having seen two ghost resident ghosts

Special night-with-a-fright events are held at the Station Hotel, Dudley, to customers plenty of spirits with their drink

Have a spirit chaser at region's haunted pubs

by Tom Mason

THE Black Country has long been a hub of the UK pub trade with some of the country's biggest breweries originating in the towns and cities of the region.

And although many of the names have died or have been forgotten the people that once drank their beer are still believed to be lingering at many of the area's pubs.

Many claim to be haunted and with so many hours spent at the bar by loyal patron's maybe it is not surprising that some chose to stay long after last orders are called.

One of the best known haunted establishments is the Crooked House, Coppice Mill Lane, Himley, which is famous for its slanted appearance caused by subsidence under the property built in 1765 as part of the estate of Sir Stephen Glynne.

The pub is believed to be haunted by two ghosts, one of a short old man in his sixties, who silently enters the bar before disappearing, and the other a young parlour maid, known locally as Polly.

Many staff and customers are said to have seen the apparitions.

Up the road, The Dudley Arms is another of Himley's haunted pubs.

Residents of the area often report lights going off and on in the building even when it is empty.

The pub itself has an interesting history with visits from King Edward VIII before his abdication.

Double murderer Neville Heath visited the pub in 1954 before committing his crimes later that year.

It is believed that one of the pub's many former landlords are responsible for the goings on.

Dudley's Station Hotel is another of the West Midlands haunted pubs and often holds special nights for visitors who want a fright. The original hotel on the site was built in 1910 but later replaced by the current building in 1936.

Situated across the road from the now abandoned Hippodrome, the hotel has played host to famous actors for years including Bob hope, Bing Crosby and George Formby.

Beneath the hotel lies a network of old tunnels and cellars, which witnessed a tragic event more than 200 years ago.

According to legend, one of the previous landlords of a pub that once stood near the site took a young servant girl down below to look for a leg of pork. However he had another reason to take her down into the cellars and after a fight, the landlord beat her to death and hid her body in a vat of ale.

Staff reportedly claim to hear the cries of the young girl to this day.

Guests have also reported a man dressed all in black standing at the foot of their bed and by the window in the early hours of the morning.

Strange goings-on at the The Dudley Arms, Himley, which has been the haunt of a king and a double murderer

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NEWS

Quick-thinking Sadie is honoured by police chief

Sadie Coates with Chief Constable Christopher Sims

A 15-year-old girl from Cradley Heath whose quick-thinking saved a lost toddler from harm has been honoured by the police.

Sadie Coates came across the three-year-old child in Haden Hill Park, and knew immediately that something was wrong. She called the police, gave them the exact location, and stayed with the child until help arrived.

Her actions won her a Young Person's Award from the the West Midlands Chief Constable Christopher Sims.

And Pc Andrew Cleaver said: "We have spoken to Sadie's parents and headteacher who are very proud of her. She acted in a most mature manner and fully deserves recognition.

"She prevented the child from serious harm as the park has two ponds and several exits on to busy roads. She looked after the child until we arrived and located the parents."

Arrested

Another award-winner was Philip Lester, of Parkfields, Wolverhampton, who received a Good Citizen's Award.

In October 2011 a vehicle travelling at over 60mph went the wrong way round a roundabout and hit a van driven by Mr Lester at the junction of Wolverhampton Road and Lawnswood Avenue. Although in shock, he detained a passenger trying to escape. Police arrested the man and the driver.

And Det Cons Ian Hackett, Andrew Witts, Paul Williams, and Pcs Alex Ingram and Richard Bonner were praised after a robber tried ramming police off the road.

The 31-year-old was under surveillance on suspicion of plotting armed raids.

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LETTERS

Osborne can't keep blaming Labour

TO blame Labour for a world recession caused by the banks is ludicrous. Most countries in the world are in the same or worse position than us.

As for Labour borrowing money, George Osborne claims to control the economy, but his borrowing increases year on year in spite of his cost-cutting.

They claim the country is bust yet we can afford to pay out billions in foreign aid, allow bankers to take huge bonuses propped up by taxpayers' money.

We allow large companies and individuals to avoid paying taxes and allow highly paid MPs and councillors to claim expenses and they are now heading for another large pay rise.

On the subject of everyone complaining of government cuts, this Government claims to hit the skivers who hide behind closed curtains, but the across-the-board benefit cuts also affect hard pressed families struggling in low-paid jobs.

As for the pensioners who worked all their lives and are having their pensions cut to pay for these rises, it's not about fairness – it's a con to cut benefits to save the Government money at the expense of other pensioners.

People on low pensions claim other benefits, so by raising their pension they take them off benefits saving the Government a fortune.

Again the people who didn't pay into the scheme benefit at the expense of people who did and the Government is the winner, and high flying civil servants and MPs won't feel the pinch either.

Mr H Roper,
Cupfields Avenue,
Tipton.

Who is to blame for injuries on icy roads?

WHEN snow is walked on it turns into ice. If anyone slips and is injured, it is classed as an "act of god" and there is no retribution, no compensation claim.

If the snow is moved leaving a small amount that becomes icy and someone falls and sustains an injury, then the person who moved the snow stands a chance of being sued. The answer to this is to cover the ground with a solvent that melts the ice.

But the real reason for this letter is the fact that Sandwell Council gave away snow shovels to residents in Sandwell. If someone does fall on snow cleared from pavements, who is responsible? The person moving the snow, or the council for providing an implement to move it?

Peter Cole,
Chelford Crescent,
Kingswinford.

LETTERS to the Editor

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Disabled people have rights too

ON January 12 I went to the pharmacist in Wednesbury to pick up a prescription. I parked my car in Union Street, displaying my disabled badge.

I recently underwent an operation for osteoarthritis and was bandaged and in pain.

On leaving the chemist I saw a traffic warden issuing me with a ticket for "illegal parking". I have two walking aids without which it would be impossible for me to get about. Has Sandwell Council gone mad?

I can appreciate there are people who park illegally to suit themselves, but I was on crutches, the traffic warden saw I was on crutches, yet I was still issued with a parking ticket. Why does Sandwell Council insist on enforcing the issue of parking tickets when we are following Government guidelines on the use of the disabled badge?

Being disabled does not make us secondary citizens, we are entitled to the same rights as any able-bodied person.

Michael Middleton,
Church Hill,
Wednesbury.

Parking fees threaten town

WHAT on earth are the councillors trying to do to Cradley Heath? Not content with ripping the heart out of a thriving town by allowing Tesco to open a large supermarket, they are now making the car parks pay-and-display! This will have one result: more people using the supermarket (with free parking) and fewer people in the town. The market will be lucky to survive, as will the shops, so any gain from parking fees will be offset by loss of business rates. Any more bright ideas?

Mr S Turley,
Sandringham Road,
Wordsley.

Wonderful person

LAST week, near Sedgley post office, I slipped on ice and fell. A young lady with a toddler helped me. This kind person, who I believe lived locally was a nurse at New Cross Hospital, and helped me get into my car. She also posted my letters. Can anyone help me to find who this wonderful person is?

Mr M Brown,
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Rick and his family were absolutely thrilled and utterly delighted with the results on their return.

"We are so grateful to Nathan and his team for transforming our home into something we could only have dreamed of," remarked Rick.

Keen to keep ahead in the style stakes, Nathan is ever aware of the latest designs, materials and colours on offer, and strives to make these available to his customers.

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New improved bus is just the ticket for youngsters

Sandwell Council leader Councillor Darren Cooper in the driving seat, and fellow cabinet members with three of the young people who helped design the bus, Aimee Smallman, left, Louise Swinfen, middle, and Luke Scott

A NEW and improved youth bus has been unveiled in Sandwell to provide fun, advice and help for the borough's youngsters.

The youth bus service run by Sandwell Council, comes in to contact with about 4,000 people a year. It covers 3,000 miles of Sandwell roads a year, operating six nights a week.

The new bus has computers with wi-fi, large screen TVs, games consoles and music equipment.

It aims to provide a relaxed and fun environment for young people to talk about employment, drugs and other issues concerning them with the on-board experts.

The bus was designed with the help of Friends of the Youth Bus group who helped decide what the bus should offer.

Workshop

One group member Aimee Smallman, aged 16, said: "The bus is really good. The Xbox Kinect and games room are brill."

Louise Swinfen, aged 15, said: "It was good to finally see the youth bus we helped plan. I really hope people will look after it. It will be a good thing for young people to play on and do coursework and things."

Councillor Linda Horton, the council's cabinet member for leisure services, said: "This new bus should help us attract more young people who are looking for something to do and somewhere to go. It is a key link, providing constructive activities in a fun environment and giving organisations an opportunity to talk to young people about many different issues affecting their lives."

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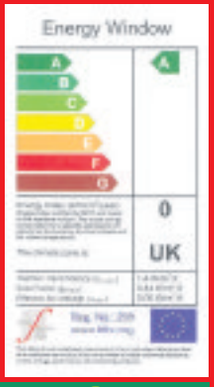

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NEWS

Football row ended in player being punched

A MAN from West Bromwich has been ordered to complete 120 hours of unpaid work after an argument at a football match led to violence.

One player was punched by another and the victim was left with a broken cheekbone and eye socket.

Iqbal Chander hit Balvinder Atwal in the face after an argument about who should go in goal.

Miss Rebecca Wade, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court last week that Chander, along with a number of other men, would often club together to cover the cost of playing a game at the West Bromwich Albion training ground.

She said on October 14, 2011, there were nine of them present for a game.

They had agreed to play four-a-side, four-minute games, with one player being the referee.

Argued

She said Mr Atwal was told by the defendant that it was his turn to go in goal and he disputed it.

The court heard that 34-year-old Chander argued with Mr Atwal and then punched him.

Mr Terence Boulter, defending, said: "This assault resulted from a momentary lapse."

Chander of Trinity Street, West Bromwich pleaded guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

The judge ordered Chander to complete a 12-month community order, and 120 hours of unpaid work. He was also ordered to pay £450 costs.

BGT star opens school block

Saxophonist Julian Smith at the opening with headteacher Dai Meredith

A NEW £3 million teaching block at a Black Country school has been officially opened by Britain's Got Talent star and former pupil Julian Smith.

The saxophonist opened the site at Perryfields High School in Oldbury last week.

The development came after finance chiefs at Sandwell Council approved a £2m grant and a £1m loan for the school in Oldacre Road. Eight old mobile classroom units were demolished and replaced with a two-storey building with 28 classrooms.

The block has been called the Jubilee building and was named by pupils.

Julian, who was a pupil at Perryfields between 1980 and 1985, appeared on Britain's Got Talent in 2009 and achieved runner-up place with nearly 700,000 public votes.

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REVIEWS

Wolf's at the door for Formidable rockers

The Joy Formidable – Wolves gig

Music

Wolf's Law

THIS could be the year that Welsh-Wolverhampton rockers The Joy Formidable finally graduate from 'the next big thing' to premier league rock star status. But I am not sure if Wolf's Law, their second proper album, is the one to do it.

The guitar blizzard is indeed, well, formidable but this album could have been made 20 years ago with its shoegazer tendencies, livened up with a bit of Britpop (Welsh pop?) attitude.

Ritzy Bryan remains a powerful front woman, ably supported by the rhythm section of bassist Rhydian Dafydd (bass) and Wulfrunian Matt Thomas (drums).

Anyone who saw them supporting Muse last year can vouch for their live punch, and they should be a knockout at the Wulfrun Hall on March 1. **LB**

Moonshine and mayhem with hillbilly gangsters

DVD/Blu-Ray

Lawless (18)

BASED on a true story, probably rather loosely, this tale of backwoods bootlegger brothers in prohibition-era America is a stylish and very violent gangster thriller.

It comes from the Australian team of director John Hillcoat (The Road) and writer (and rock star) Nick Cave.

Set in early 1930s Virginia, it tells of good ol' boys the Bondurant brothers, played by Tom Hardy, Jason Clarke and Shia Labeouf. They run their rural bar despite a ban on booze and make a lucrative income distilling illegal hooch, bribing the local lawmen with a few crates of the hard stuff.

However, a corrupt district attorney brings in a Chicago cop to crack down on the Bondurant boys when they stubbornly refuse to pay his bribes.

Enter the real star of the movie, Guy Pearce, as preening, perfumed and poison-tongued sadist Special Deputy Charlie Rakes. He delivers a vicious beating to the youngest Bondurant – an impulsive youth as played by Labeouf – setting in motion a feud.

Pearce's oily-haired dandy is a memorable villain, necessary to make viewers care about bland hicks the "invincible" Bondurants, though Tom Hardy does have John Wayne-like presence as the older brother.

Like most gangster movies, the female roles are under-written, not giving Mia Wasikowska or Jessica Chastain, as girlfriends, much to do. Great soundtrack though.

Shia Labeouf as Jack Bondurant takes on the law in Lawless
Picture: PA Photo/Entertainment In Video

Code Name: Geronimo (15)

THIS is an efficient if unremarkable docu-drama on the US Navy Seals operation to track down and eliminate Osama Bin Laden in Pakistan.

The shaky camera action is well done but the tacked on story about rivalry between two soldiers is unnecessary and distracting. More interesting is the vital surveillance work of the bickering Pakistani agents, who were apparently left behind to face the wrath of the authorities.

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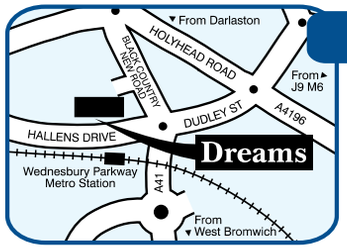

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Man jailed for raids on shops

A MAN who stole nearly £8,000 worth of items from shops in Walsall, Great Barr and Stafford has been jailed for 33 months.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard Ryan Jones, 32, targeted Carphone Warehouse in Stafford with an accomplice in September, stealing iPods and consoles worth more than £2,000.

They stole £2,000 worth of cigarettes from a Co-op in Streetly. On September 21 they took £1,750 worth of cigarettes from the Spar in Pelsall. When they raided the Co-op in Great Barr they were spotted by police. Jones was arrested but the other man escaped.

Jones of Vittell Close, Bushbury, admitted two charges of robbery, and two of theft.

Slimline Neil is delighted to be half the man he was

Neil before he lost weight

NEIL Langley's taste for fried breakfasts, cream, cakes and pizzas had him stipping the scales at more than 26stones.

The doctors told the civil servant his weight was preventing him from undergoing a hernia operation.

The 47-year-old was told to shed half his body weight as he was far too heavy for treatment for an umbilical hernia. Neil, of Bilston, was too big to be put under anaesthetic.

His Body Mass Index was 55. It should have been no higher than 35.

But, 16 months later, he has shed 13st and now weighs 13st 4lbs. And he was able to have the operation just before Christmas.

He says the doctors' bombshell in August 2011 was the wake-up call he needed.

He got a free pass to join a Weight Watchers group which meets every Wednesday at the Sports Academy Social Club in Tipton.

Mr Langley, of Great Bridge Road, started calculating the points values of each meal based on the amount of fat and calories they contained – so had to say goodbye to pizzas, burgers and chips.

He had to completely change his attitude to food.

He said: "The doctors told me my BMI was off the scale so I knew I had to do something. It was quite unsettling – I hadn't got to that weight on purpose but I was working a lot and grabbing food whenever I could. But my lifestyle and diet are completely different now.

"I wouldn't have been able to do it without the support of my family and friends, and of course the other members of the Weight Watchers group."

Energetic

He now eats grilled chicken, fish and salads and says he really happy to have reached his target weight. And he also visits the gym regularly.

He said he was nervous about attending the slimming group but soon settled in. After losing weight he now feels more energetic and says his asthma has improved.

Neil's new appearance

Comedy spotlight on science

AN award-winning comedian and science enthusiast will perform a show in West Bromwich taking a light-hearted look at two of his favourite scientists.

Robin Ince will stage The Importance of Being Interested at The Public on May 18, starting at 8pm.

The event will focus on Charles Darwin and Richard Feynman.

People will find out such nuggets of information as why we have eyebrows, why bald dogs have bad teeth and why spaghetti snaps into four pieces.

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Age Group	Swim Distance	Run Distance
Tri Start (8yrs)	50m	600m
Tri Star 1 (9-10yrs)	100m	1200m
Tri Star 2 (11-12yrs)	150m	1800m
Tri Star 3 (13-14yrs)	200m	2500m
Youth (15-16yrs)	200m	2500m
Adult Novice	200m	2500m
Adult Sprint	400m	5km
Relay team of two	See note 1	See note 1

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Adults, Novice - £10
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note 1 relay teams.

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NEWS

Crossing will improve safety at busy junction

A NEW crossing is to be installed on one of Sandwell's busiest dual carriageways after fears that pedestrians were getting "marooned" on the central reservation.

Local people had complained that it was dangerous for children and adults trying to cross Wolverhampton Road at its junction with Queensway.

Parents and other residents had been calling for many years to get a safe crossing at the location, and raised the matter at the Oldbury Neighbourhood meeting.

The junction is well used as a crossing point by scores of local schoolchildren. It is also well used by residents in the area.

Supported

A petition with more than 500 signatures was complied by the local high school and supported by three other local schools and their headteachers.

This was then handed to councillors for the area who supported the campaign for a crossing.

Councillor Steve Trow, Oldbury lead member, said: "We feel the installation of the crossing will greatly improve road safety at this key junction for local residents."

Elaine Fitzgerald, headteacher at nearby Brandhall Primary School on Brennand Road, said she was delighted at the news.

Pupils trace school's history

Harry Gilbert, Martyn Melia, Rebecca Knederine and Chelsea Hickman, who are researching the history of Manor High School

STUDENTS at a school due to close at the end of the academic year are recording its history in a film.

The project at Phoenix Collegiate is funded by £15,600 of Heritage Lottery money and is being run by Peter Ralley, a local film maker.

The school's north campus off Friars Park Road, Wednesbury, was formerly Manor High School.

Year 8 students are interviewing former pupils and teachers to build up a history of the school, and of the people who who were there over the years. Mr Ralley said: "We have three generations of former pupils , and ex-teachers, to talk to. But we really need old photos, letters and programmes."

The 15-30 minute film will be shown at a ceremony for ex-pupils and teachers on February 16. Mr Ralley added: " We hope that the film will mean the school can end on a high note."

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CLUB NEWS

WI meats up with butcher

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CHRISTMAS festivities all went off as planned. The group carol service at St. Pauls Church, Coven was well attended and two members from each group were invited to participate.

The Christmas meal at Essington Fruit Farm was an excellent night, the food was up to its usual high standard and there was much hilarity over the quiz and the raffle where everyone gets a prize. Thanks go to president Julie Hammersley for organising the evening.

Finally at the group's own Christmas party, members were entertained by The Codsall Singers who were all on top form. Another successful evening.

For the January meeting our speaker was Codsall butcher Alan Bennett, who told of his early days as a young boy when he first went into the butchering trade under the wing of Gill's Butchers.

He has become well-known for his award-winning flavoured sausages, his latest being 'The Bucks Fizz' and his award was presented to him by Cheryl Baker one of the singers in the band of the same name.

The ladies finished the evening enjoying a few samples of sausage and pork pie. This was followed by refreshments and the raffle. The first prize was won by Mrs Bennett who had accompanied her husband for the evening.

Guest draws on his experience as artist

Speaker Geoff Tristram with chairman Mary Jones, right and speaker's secretary Pauline Handley with other committee members

DUDLEY SOUTH LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB

CHAIRMAN Mary Jones welcomed 39 members and one visitor to the January meeting at the Kingfisher Hotel, Wall Heath when the management kindly treated everyone to a glass of sparkling wine to celebrate the New Year.

A three-course lunch was followed by the speaker Geoff Tristram, an artist and cartoonist. His talk was entitled Confessions of an Artist, which he illustrated with slides taken of his paintings and amusing stories.

Seven years ago he started writing and has now published 10 very amusing books, which members were able to purchase.

The February meeting will be the AGM, in March Peter Shelly talks about "A Handful of Straw" and in April Shirley Thompson, notary public - a local solicitor. A coach outing in the spring is under discussion.

Fun night kicks off new year

TRYSULL & SEISDON WI

THE first meeting of the New Year was a social evening with games and quizzes.

Geography was put to the test and another teaser consisted of photographs of famous celebrities.While some were puzzling over these, others were playing scrabble, dominoes or connect four.

Before the answers were given, the ladies stopped for refreshments. There was an assortment of savoury and sweet nibbles and tea or coffee. Prizes were then handed out to the winners.

Next month's competition is a Valentine Heart, any medium and Malcolm Astley the club, which meets on Thursday February 14 in the Village Hall, Trysull at 7.30pm

Serious offenders avoiding prison

MORE than 91,000 serious, repeat offenders avoided prison last year, new figures show.

A report from the Centre for Crime Prevention has found that since the financial crisis began, the courts have failed to lock up an increasing number of serious, repeat offenders.

Figures show that 91,032 criminals convicted of serious offences who already had more than 10 previous convictions or cautions avoided prison in 2011-12.

That figure is an increase of almost 20,000 compared with 2006-07 when 71,301 people avoided prison despite having 10 previous convictions.

Report author Peter Cuthbertson said: "These figures show the appalling failure of soft sentencing."

Concern as stray horses are left to roam in freezing field

CONCERNED residents are calling for action after stray horses were found in freezing conditions on a former landfill site in the Black Country.

Around eight horses were roaming on land off Newcomen Drive in Tipton, which is owned by the waste disposal firm Mintworth Transport Ltd. The horses are not owned by the firm.

Local residents joined forces and contacted the Chronicle's sister paper the Express & Star to express concern for the horses, and anger at the state of the land.

One said: "These horses desperately need shelter, especially the ones that will have their foals soon. The canal is always frozen over during the winter, and the grass there is already dead."

Terry Brookes, who is a member of Sandwell Strides, and regularly walks along the canal towpath, said he often saw the horses. The 61-year-old of Powke Lane, Rowley Regis, said: "They are just left to roam. It's a such a shame.They must be so very cold when the weather is like this."

The stray horses were found on snow-covered land at Tipton

Terry Brookes often sees the horses

A resident of Calley Close, who asked not to be named, said local residents fed the horses. She said: "There is a really steep bank at the back of the houses, and they come down there. I'm always worried they will fall. It's cruel really."

The land has planning permission for 200 homes, but as yet there has been no work on the site.

Although the horses are not owned by the firm, council bosses said the company was liable for them.

Great Bridge councillor Derek Rowley said the council had no powers to remove the horses because they were on private land. He said: "We as a council have contacted Mintworth, and informed them they have liability for the horses. We have also contacted the RSPCA."

No-one from Mintworth Transport Ltd was available for comment. A spokesperson for the RSPCA said: " The RSPCA is doing all it can to help tackle the problem. However this is a large-scale problem which the RSPCA is unable to solve by itself."

Popular reads are now more available

SANDWELL Council's library service is launching a scheme so book lovers can borrow the latest bestsellers without a wait.

The Bestsellers Collection is available at Central Library in West Bromwich.

Books are only issued for 14 days and can't be reserved so there is no queue for them. They also can't be renewed.

The collection consists of the biggest sellers. They include Is it Just me? by Miranda Hart, The Chronicles of Downton Abbey, The Casual Vacancy by JK Rowling and Dead Centre by Andy McNab.

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NEWS

'Good citizen' convicted after dog attacks child

A NINE-YEAR-OLD boy was mauled by his neighbour's Staffordshire bull terrier as he played with his young sister, a court heard.

by Shaun Jepson

He suffered bites to his head, arm, leg and bottom when he was "cornered" by the dog. Wolverhampton Crown Court was told that he needed stitches and had to have surgery as a result of being attacked by the five-year-old animal, named Ozzy, in Brook Road, Portobello, Wolverhampton.

Its owner, Darren Phillips, admitted being in charge of a dog that was dangerously out of control.

Last week he was handed a nine-month community order.

Miss Alka Brigue, prosecuting, said the youngster was playing with his 12-year-old sister when the dog, which was not on a lead, launched its 90-second attack at about 9.50pm on May 12.

"The defendant ran over to the nine-year-old and had to hit the dog to pull it off the child and take him away.

"The child's father was in the front room watching TV when he heard screams," added Miss Brigue.

She said the youngster had to spend three days in hospital and he still suffered sleepless nights.

She added: "His parents say he cries at night and is very concerned about going out of his home."

Mr Patrick Currie, for Phillips, 43, of Brook Road, said the dog had been a family pet and had never shown "any sign of aggression".

He added that his client had previously been given two good citizen awards by the police.

"In this case, the incident occurred and the defendant's response was to take immediate responsibility for what happened," said Mr Currie.

Judge Amjad Nawaz handed Phillips a nine-month community order and nine months supervision. He was banned from being in charge of an animal for 18 months. The judge said: "I approach this case on the basis that it was something that occurred out of the blue."

Police act on gangs

POLICE patrols are being maintained in Moxley following complaints about gangs of young people congregating in the area. Concerns over rowdy groups gathering near the Queen Street park area have been raised with officers.

The Darlaston South neighbourhood team say a visible presence is in place with patrols at key times.

Group win award

Celebrating winning a Walsall volunteer award are, front from left, Cyndey Ray and Kimberley Lea, and back, Chris Edwards and Matthew Nolan

MEMBERS of a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) support team have received an award from Walsall's mayor at the town's Voluntary Action ceremony.

Another Way Walsall won the Volunteer Engaging Organisation of the Year prize for their work with other local LGBT groups, which saw them involved with 2012's first Walsall Pride event. The team, which provides support to the LGBT community in the borough, was formed three years ago and has secured £2,477 of funding from the Community First initiative. For more information contact Matthew Nolan on 07716273748

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175-year-old church marks milestone with ceremony

THE mayor and mayoress of Sandwell took part in a civic service to mark the 175th anniversary of a Smethwick church.

by Will Ackerman

Councillors Keith and Pat Davies were invited to a public ceremony at Holy Trinity Church, in South Road, by theRev David Gould.

Mr Gould said the ceremony was a celebration of the link between the church and the community.

He said: "The church has been at the centre of the town for 175 years and I would say it was the biggest gathering of church leaders anyone had ever seen at the church. Everyone who came thought it was fantastic.

"This church has historically been a civic church, and the thing that spoke to me was that Keith and I are both the current office holders, following a long line of those who went before us. There is a certain honour about that."

The service, which was also attended by Sandwell's deputy mayor and mayoress, Councillors Victor and Carole Silvester, and around 60 members of the public, also marked the first anniversary of Smethwick Foodbank, which is run from the church by volunteers.

Mr Gould said the foodbank had fed 2,080 people in its first year, providing 14.7 tons of food.

He added: "Sadly, that number is rising.

"Smethwick Foodbank gets all its donations from local people, with no external grants, so it's the people of Smethwick looking after the people of Smethwick.

"Everyone who has made donations and who volunteers deserves our thanks."

Teenagers' murals set to go on show soon

A SET of murals representing the history of Smethwick being created by a group of teenagers is nearing completion.

The 12 youngsters have been working on the murals for a year.

The black and white canvases funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund depict episodes from the area's past, and familiar street scenes.

One commemorates one of the more unusual events – the day when the American black activist Malcolm X visited the town in response to an election campaign run by the far right.

A plaque now marks the place in Marshall Street where Malcolm X met the public.

That mural and the others will go on display at the Brasshouse Lane Community Centre in March.

Activity dates

CHILDREN in Smethwick will be offered a range of activities during the half-term holiday.

A Holiday Club will be open to children aged five to 13 from February 18 to 22 at the Brasshouse Community Centre, Brasshouse Lane.

Sessions will include sports, games, arts and crafts, drama and kickboxing. For details call 0121 555 5672.

Leading singer at jazz club

A BEARWOOD venue will be playing host to a well-known female jazz singer.

Jayne Steele and her Dutch Lewis Broadband have performed at venues across the Black country and will be playing at the Silvershine Jazz Club, Bearwood Road, on January 31 from 8.30pm.

Tickets cost £4 on the door. For more information visit www.bearwoodjazz.co.uk or call 0121 429 2091.

Young kickboxers taste success

The young kickboxers are already celebrating competition success

YOUNGSTERS at a kickboxing club in Smethwick which is only a year old, are already celebrating competition success.

The club which run in partnership between West Midlands police and North Smethwick Development Trust, is aimed at getting young people off the streets and into an activity.

On December 9 last year, the club members took part in their first competition in Birmingham – and beating much longer-established outfits.

They took home a number of medals and a championship belt.

Sue Howarth, Chief Executive of North Smethwick Development Trust who was at the tournament cheering the youngsters on, said: "We have a great group and it's fantastic to see them doing so well. It's brilliant, considering the members haven't been together that long."

The club meets on Tuesdays at the Brasshouse Lane Community Centre, in Brasshouse Lane, at 7.30-8.30pm. Entrance is free. For details call 0121 555 5672.

Sadness at sudden closure of bakery

CUSTOMERS were saddened when a well-known bakery was closed by bailiffs. Firkins, in Bearwood Road, Bearwood, shut leaving cakes and buns on shelves.

Oliver Bennett, of pawnbrokers The Money Shop next door, said he was saddened but not surprised.

"We used that shop quite often, we're in there every other day and the staff are lovely.

"But there were never that many people in there. You could probably see this coming."

Direct Bailiff Services Limited director Byron Crellin said: "We have acted on behalf of the landlord's instruction to take back that commercial property.

"That action was taken Tuesday evening.

"The follow-up from that is really down to the directors of the business, to contact the landlord to rearrange the relocation of stock," he added.

Plan for old pub

THE Waterloo Hotel in Smethwick could be converted into a restaurant and wine bar by its new owners, partners at Five Rivers Investments Ltd.

Mary Bodfish, chairman of Smethwick Local History Society, said: "We shall be delighted to see this historic and beautiful building brought back into use."

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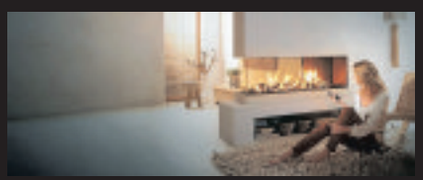

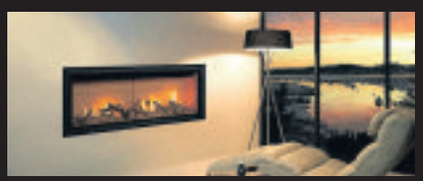

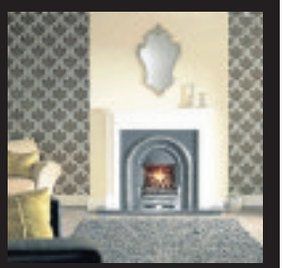

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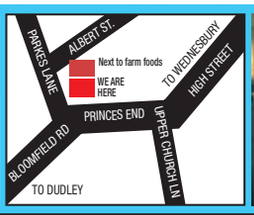

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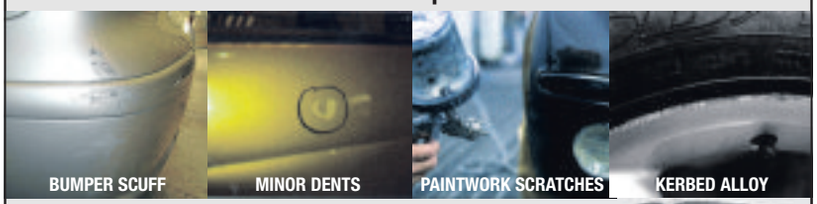

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Man is jailed for biting fingers of court officer

A MAN who bit the fingers of a court security officer as he was being taken to the cells has been sentenced to 18 weeks in prison.

Maurice Graver, of Bescot Street, Walsall, was held in contempt of court at Walsall Magistrates Court on October 17 but resisted officers' efforts to take him away. The 45-year-old initially refused to go down stairs before shouting abuse and wrestling with officers.

Wolverhampton Magistrates Court heard he got hold of Robert Yates' hand and squeezed it so hard Mr Yates said "you're going to break to my fingers", to which Graver replied "that's the idea".

Aggravated

When Mr Yates shook his hand free, Graver bit his fingers, said Mrs Jayne Yeomans, prosecuting.

Graver, representing himself, was found guilty. District Judge Graham Wilkinson said that the assault was aggravated by the defendant showing no remorse for his actions. Passing sentence, he said: "It's clear you wanted to cause even more harm."

Graver will serve half of his 18-week sentence.

Enterprise centre to open at mosque

A NEW community centre has been given the go-ahead in Walsall as part of the extension of a mosque.

The plan for the Minhaj Ul Quran will create more facilities for young people in Alumwell. The centre aims to provide training and employment opportunities. The ground floor is to be converted into the Gateway Enterprise Centre.

The mosque will move to the upper floor of the site on the corner of Woodwards Road and Reservoir Place.

Garden on show for charity

John Quinn plans to reopen his garden in Bloxwich for charity

A GARDEN will be opened to the public twice this summer after a break of more than two years. John and Julie Quinn will open their Bloxwich garden in May and July.

Open days at 6 Fishley Close raised more than £10,000 for charity over several years but Mr Quinn was not able to open it for public events since a back injury sustained when he fell 7ft from a ladder. The 63-year-old had an operation on his spine in July 2010 and spent 15 months away from his job as a garden designer.

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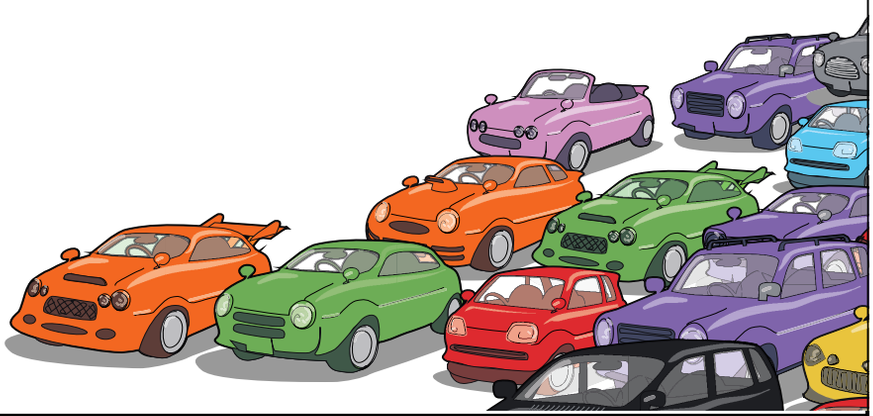

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They will be spinning vinyl, mainly from the 60s and 70s – the sounds that drove the soul scene in clubs in Wolverhampton.

Admission is by ticket (£5) from Goulds TV, Sedgley, Hi-Lites Hairdressers in Wombourne, Gi's in Kingswinford or call Dave on 07793 282891

Comic moves date of city gig

A JIMMY Carr show in Wolverhampton has been rescheduled after it clashed with a TV recording.

The comedian was due to bring his Gagging Order show to the city's Civic Hall on September 21 but that has now been moved to October 11.

All tickets for the original date remain valid for the rescheduled date. Refunds are available at point of purchase on return of tickets.

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A PHIL Collins tribute act will perform at the Robin 2 in Bilston on February 1. "And Finally Phil Collins" aim to recreate his 1997 Dance into the Light tour.

Rhydian on the Rocky road back for 40th anniversary

THE REGION'S theatres are back with a bang after panto season thanks to an acclaimed new version of a vintage Ealing comedy, the return of a raunchy rock musical favourite and a classic bodice-ripper.

Wolverhampton Grand stages The Ladykillers, a stage version of the 1950s British black comedy about an old lady pitted against a criminal gang, which has been revamped by Father Ted co-writer Graham Linehan.

It's on at the Lichfield Street theatre from Monday to Saturday and has a top-notch cast, including Michelle Dotrice (who was Betty in TV's Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em), Clive Mantle and Cliff Parisi.

Michelle Dotrice as Mrs Wilberforce in black comedy The Ladykillers

Bronte

Fresh from playing the lead role in Jesus Christ Superstar, Ben Forster becomes Brad opposite Emmerdale's Roxanne Pallett as Janet, being seduced by Oliver Thornton's Frank 'n' Furter in the naughty Rocky Horror Show.

It's at Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday.

They are likely to be upstaged by The X Factor's Welsh singing sensation Rhydian, who Time Warps back to the city where he was a student, wearing not much more than a posing pouch as Rocky in this 40th anniversary tour.

Hull Truck stage a version of Charlotte Bronte's gothic romance Jane Eyre at the Arena Theatre in Wolverhampton for three performances during Tuesday and Wednesday.

Everything is hunky dory for Rhydian, returning to Birmingham to camp it up in the Rocky Horror Show

Damn it, Janet – Ben Forster as Brad and Roxane Pallett as Janet, held prisoner by singing alien sex addicts

Nice to see the Strictly dancers

Strictly Come Dancing, NIA, Birmingham

NICE to see them – and it certainly was. As the sixth Strictly Come Dancing tour opened to a packed Birmingham NIA the atmosphere was electric.

Those famous Brucie words echoed around the packed arena and although he wasn't there in person, his voice boomed out from the two large screens by the stage.

The thousands who made the journey through wintry conditions to see the show were richly rewarded.

Opening to the sounds of Gold from the Strictly singers – that's what the show was. Hosted again by bubbly Kate Thornton the tour boasted everything, stunning costumes, outspoken judges and dazzling dance routines.

The Magnificent Seven, as head judge Len Goodman referred to them, included reigning champion Louis Smith, Denise Van Outen, Phil Tufnell, Dani Harmer, Fern Britton, Lisa Riley, and Michael Vaughan.

Joining Len on the judging panel was the formidable Craig Revel Horwood and the excitable Bruno Tonioli, but the final vote was down to the audience. Louis picked up another win despite Denise scoring a perfect 60 from the judges. At the bottom were Tufnell and Vaughan.

A mixed line-up of talent but a terrific show. Brucie would have been proud.

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What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 26.01.13

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CHOICE

David James Elliott

Impact
Channel 5, 6.20pm
If you like movies such as Independence Day, Armageddon and Deep Impact, then this offering made for a fraction of their budgets, should also appeal. The partial threat is a rogue asteroid hidden in a meteor shower which hits the moon. Before you can say: "It's the end of the world as we know it!", the satellite is on a collision course with billions of screaming folks. David James Elliott, Natasha Henstridge, Benjamin Sadler and James Cromwell play the protagonists trying to find a way to survive before Earth is turned into rubble.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Good Cook. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Rugby: Wales Grand Slam 2012. **1.30** Live Athletics: UK International Match. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** Animal Antics.

6.00 **Richard Hammond's Secret Service.** A woman's home is ruined by graffiti.

6.45 **Britain's Brightest.** Clare Balding hosts the game show in which six contestants aim to prove they have the brain power to claim the ultimate prize of £50,000.

8.00 **The National Lottery: In It to Win It.** Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the National Lottery draws with OJ Borg.

8.50 **Casualty.** It is the day of Yvonne's funeral and Jordan is shocked to receive a message asking him to visit the teenager accused of her attack, while her real assailant ends up in the ED.

9.40 **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes resorts to the internet to find a date for Valentine's Day. (R)

10.10 **BBC News**; Weather.

10.30 **Film: Meet the Parents.** (2000) A male nurse makes a disastrous bid to impress his girlfriend's father – a former CIA agent who does not suffer fools gladly. Comedy, starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller; National Lottery Update.

12.15 **Film:** Buster. (1988) **1.45** Weatherview. **1.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 **Film:** The Black Rider. (1954) **7.05** **Film:** The Mouse That Roared. (1959) **8.25** Live Tennis: Australian Open. **11.30** Map Man. (R) **12.00** Indian Food Made Easy. (R) **12.30** EastEnders. (R) **2.25** Live Bowls. **4.30** Jaguars Born Free: Natural World Special. (R) **5.30** Flog It! (R)

6.00 **The Great Comic Relief Bake Off.** Famous faces enter the Great British Bake Off tent. (R)

7.00 **The Great Comic Relief Bake Off.** Warwick Davis, Duncan Bannatyne, Simon Reeve and Andy Akinwolere enter the tent, with one of the contestants making the smallest cake ever seen on Bake Off. (R)

8.00 **Dad's Army.** The platoon takes an efficiency test in a bid to prove its worth, but mistakenly attacks a tea lady with onions from Jones's van. Classic comedy, guest starring Fulton Mackay. (R)

8.30 **Natural World: Kangaroo Dundee.** Part one of two. Documentary about a man living in the Outback who shares his one-room tin shack with baby kangaroos he has nursed back to health.

9.30 **Howard Goodall's Story of Music.** New series. The composer examines the history and development of music, beginning by looking back at the first faltering steps humanity took toward creating it.

10.30 **QI XL.** With Sarah Millican, Jimmy Carr and Johnny Vegas. (R)

11.15 **Film: Hard Rain.** (1998) Action adventure, starring Christian Slater.

12.45 Bowls. **1.45** Close.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Handy Manny. **6.10** Handy Manny. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.15** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **8.05** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.30** Victorious. (R) **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.25** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **12.10** Live FA Cup Football. **3.00** Dinner Date. (R) **4.00** The Nation's Favourite Abba Song. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 **New You've Been Framed! Top 100 Holidays.** Comedian Harry Hill narrates a countdown of 100 vacation-themed camcorder calamities and viewer-submitted mobile-phone clips.

7.00 **Splash!** Omid Djalili, Jake Canuso, Eddie "the Eagle" Edwards, Charlotte Jackson and the two celebrities who progressed from heat three battle it out in the semi-final of the diving contest.

8.30 **Take Me Out.** A basketball player, a gym owner, a music journalist and a product designer enter the love lift in the hope of impressing 30 single women. Paddy McGuinness presents the dating show.

9.45 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** With Jools Holland, Alicia Keys, Adam Hills and Rose Byrne.

10.45 **ITV News;** Weather.

11.00 **FA Cup Football Highlights.**

12.30 The Store. **2.30** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.15** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Beach Volleyball. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** Undercover Boss Australia. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.05 **Channel 4 News.**

6.35 **4thought.tv.** With some people believing the role of the godparent has been devalued in modern Britain, a member of the public talks about its relevance in an increasingly secular society.

6.40 **Film: Mrs Doubtfire.** (1993) A divorced actor disguises himself as an ageing female Scottish housekeeper to get a job looking after his own children. Comedy, with Robin Williams, Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan.

9.00 **World Without End.** Godwyn is outraged when Mother Cecilia rejects his plans to build a palace on the convent estate and issues an edict giving the Priory control over all town land.

10.00 **Film: The Hurt Locker.** (2008) An American bomb disposal team in Iraq is assigned a new leader whose reckless attitude puts all their lives at risk. Kathryn Bigelow's drama, with Jeremy Renner and Anthony Mackie.

12.40 **Film:** Cyrus. (2010) **2.15** Hollyoaks. **4.20** Smallville. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Celebrity Big Brother: Final. (R) **1.10** **Film:** Patricia Cornwell's At Risk. (2010) Mystery, starring Andie MacDowell. **2.55** Everything She Ever Wanted.

6.15 **5 News Weekend.**

6.20 **Impact.** An asteroid strikes the moon, knocking its orbit out of kilter and setting it on a collision course with Earth. Disaster drama, starring David James Elliott. (R)

9.45 **Film: The Matrix.** (1999) A computer hacker joins rebel fighters to free the human race from a virtual-reality fantasy created by machines. Sci-fi action thriller, with Keanu Reeves and Laurence Fishburne.

12.30 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. Michaela Strachan meets deadly lionfish, Ellie Harrison attends a dinner party in the desert, complete with chameleon guests, and Jamie Crawford joins a pod of dolphins. (R) **4.25** Great Artists. Tim Marlow examines the work of Dutch artist Jan Vermeer, who was renowned for his depictions of simple domestic life during the 17th century. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. Historical spotlight on scenic counties in the UK, focusing on hidden curiosities and little-known facts about each location. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. Hana offers advice to Ernie. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. A curious parcel arrives at the house. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. Thomas takes holiday-makers on a trip. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Merlin **7.45** Doctor Who **8.35** **Film:** Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Lost Land of the Volcano **8.00** The Treasures of Ancient Rome **9.00** Borgen **11.00** The Old Grey Whistle Test: 70s Gold

ITV2
5.40 **Film:** Robots (2005) **7.25** **Film:** Back to the Future (1985) **9.45** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.30** Fake Reaction **11.15** **Film:** The Fugitive (1993)

ITV3
4.55 Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** **Film:** In the Name of the Father (1993)

ITV4
2.25 **Film:** All Quiet on the Western Front (1979) **5.30** Live Africa Cup of Nations. Algeria v Togo (Kick-off 6.00pm). **8.30** Mourinho **9.30** **Film:** Escape from New York (1981) **11.35** **Film:** American History X (1998)

E4
3.35 Rules of Engagement **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Happy Endings **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** 2 Broke Girls **9.00** **Film:** Drillbit Taylor (2008) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory

Film4
3.20 Arthur's Hallowed Ground (1986) Comedy drama, starring Jimmy Jewel. **4.50** Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. **6.40** The Land Girls (1997) Wartime drama, starring Anna Friel. **8.50** Green Zone Interview Special **9.00** Green Zone (2010) Paul Greengrass' thriller, starring Matt Damon. **11.10** White Noise (2004)

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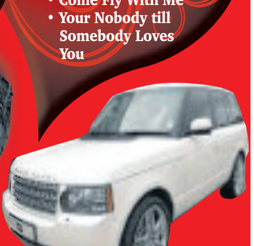

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MAIN COURSE (Choose one each)
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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 27.01.13

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CHOICE

Mark Jenkins

The Hotel
Channel 4, 8pm
Admittedly, it can't be easy running a hotel; having the ability to keep everybody happy all the time and doing it through those stubbornly gritted teeth with a pseudo-friendly grin plastered across your face. But if Basil Fawlty can do it, Mark Jenkins is going to make damn sure he can. But he wants to go over and above running a hotel with a so-so reputation that simply ticks over – he wants to broaden The Grosvenor's horizons and attract new guests. Mark ventures into new territory as he plans an Indian night – complete with singing, dancing and lavish feast.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.25** Countryfile. (R) **1.25** Call the Midwife. (R) **2.25** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.25** Chatsworth. (R) **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Africa. (R)
6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.30 Blandings. Clarence needs someone to keep his niece Gertrude company, while Freddie has married a Portuguese girl – now all he has to do is conceal the fact from Connie.
7.00 Countryfile. A visit to south Wales, finding out what is being done to rejuvenate the sand dunes on the coast and hearing about a mass German escape from a Bridgend prisoner-of-war camp in 1944. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Call the Midwife. The unexplained death of a newborn baby delivered by Cynthia puts the midwife under intense scrutiny, a chance encounter returns Jimmy to Jenny's life and Chummy pursues a dream.
9.00 Ripper Street. Reid and his team investigate a string of well-executed robberies, bringing Drake into conflict with his former army colonel.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Prisoner Number A26188: Henia Bryer. A Jewish woman who survived four Nazi concentration camps.
11.05 Room 101 – Extra Storage.
11.45 The Celebrity Apprentice USA.
1.10 Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Close. **7.00** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **7.30** A to Z of TV Gardening. **8.15** Live Tennis: Australian Open. **12.00** Coast. (R) **1.00 Film:** Cowboy. (1958) **2.30** Live Bowls. **5.15** Ski Sunday.
6.00 Flog It! Paul Martin is joined by Charlie Ross and Mark Stacey to value items in Monmouth, south-east Wales, including a selection of Babar books and a pocket globe. (R)
6.30 Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey. Kate Humble and Dr Helen Czerski follow the Earth's trip around the sun from January to the March equinox. (R)
7.30 Open All Hours. Pilot episode of Roy Clarke's comedy about miserly shopkeeper Arkwright and his put-upon nephew Granville. Starring Ronnie Barker and David Jason. (R)
8.00 Top Gear. New series. The motoring magazine returns. Jeremy Clarkson builds a small car and pitches the concept in the Dragons' Den and Damian Lewis is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.
9.00 Wonders of Life. New series. Professor Brian Cox travels around the world to investigate whether the emergence of life was an inevitable consequence of the physical laws that govern the universe.
10.00 Racing Legends: Colin McRae.
11.00 Fleetwood Mac – Don't Stop. A profile of the rock band. (R)
12.00 Film: Intermission. (2003)
1.40 Sign Zone: Holby City. (R)
2.40 Close.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Handy Manny. **6.10** Handy Manny. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.15** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **8.05** Rated A for Awesome. **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00** The Aquabats Super Show. **9.25** House Guest in the Sun. (R) **10.20** 60 Minute Makeover. (R) **11.20** May the Best House Win Vive la France. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.30** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **2.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.25** Regional Programme ; Weather.**3.30** Live FA Cup Football.
6.05 ITV News; Weather.
6.15 Dancing on Ice. The nine remaining stars compete in a school disco-themed show.
7.45 All Star Family Fortunes. Actress Sheree Murphy and Towie star James Argent take part.
8.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The contestants who landed in the bottom two earlier tonight perform new routines as they battle for a place in next week's show. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley present.
9.00 Mr Selfridge. Prima ballerina Anna Pavlova agrees to visit Selfridges, but Agnes's job looks to be under threat when a violent Reg reaches breaking point and gatecrashes the event.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.20 FA Cup Football Highlights.
11.20 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union.
12.15 Grimefighters. (R) **12.40** The Store. **2.40** Monk. (R) **3.30** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Will & Grace. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00 Film:** Annie. (1982) **4.25** Time Team. **5.30** Deal or No Deal.
6.25 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv. Members of the public talk about the role of godparents.
7.00 Come Dine with Me. A week of dinner parties in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, featuring an American-themed evening, a Wild West-style bash and unusual delicacies including ostrich egg and pig's ears.
8.00 The Hotel. The Grosvenor hosts an Indian-themed night, featuring dancing, singing and a lavish feast – which falls well below the expectations of one millionaire guest.
9.00 Film: The Fighter. (2010) Premiere. Fact-based drama following boxer Micky Ward's rise to a world championship bout, with the aid of his drug-addicted brother. Starring Mark Wahlberg and Christian Bale.
11.20 Film: The Firm. (1993) After the murder of two of his colleagues, a law graduate discovers the company that has head-hunted him is controlled by the Mafia. Thriller, starring Tom Cruise and Gene Hackman.
2.05 Honeymoon. (R) **2.40** St Elsewhere. (R) **3.25** Smallville. (R) **4.05** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Olive the Ostrich. (R) **6.50** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Animal Antics. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Mio Mao. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Monkey Life. (R) **11.40** Once Upon a Time. (R) **12.40 Film:** Teen Wolf. (1985) **2.30 Film:** See Spot Run. (2001) **4.20 Film:** The Princess Bride. (1987)
6.10 5 News Weekend.
6.15 Film: Spider-Man 3. (2007) Superhero sequel, with Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst and James Franco.
9.00 Person of Interest. Reese recovers from being shot.
10.00 Film: My Best Friend's Girl. (2008) Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Dane Cook, Jason Biggs, Kate Hudson and Alec Baldwin.
11.55 Botched Up Bodies. Part two of two. A woman left with 10lb of excess skin after losing 15st. (R)
12.55 SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Great Artists. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride – Best Ever **8.00 Film:** Cool Runnings (1993) **9.30** World's Craziest Fools **10.00** Crazy for Party Drugs **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 Timeshift: Of Ice and Men **8.00** Holocaust: A Music Memorial Film from Auschwitz **9.30** Mark Knopfler: A Life in Songs **10.30 Film:** Love Like Poison (2010) **11.50** Arena: Dave Brubeck: In His Own Sweet Way
ITV2
4.00 Film: Toy Story (1995) **5.50 Film:** Back to the Future Part II (1989) **8.00** The Best of You've Been Framed! **9.00** The Magaluf Weekender **10.00 Film:** Wanted (2008)
ITV3
3.40 Lewis **5.40** Murder, She Wrote **6.40** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** The Best of the Royal Variety **10.00 Film:** The Graduate (1967)
ITV4
1.55 Film: Captain Newman MD (1964) **4.30** Live Africa Cup of Nations. Morocco v South Africa or Cape Verde v Angola (Kick-off 5.00pm). **7.30** Police, Camera, Action! **8.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** Apocalypse Now (1979)
E4
4.30 Revenge **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **6.30** New Girl **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Fame (2009) **10.05** The New Normal **10.30** 2 Broke Girls **11.00** My Mad Fat Diary
Film4
3.05 The Iron Giant (1999) **4.45** Rebound (2005) **6.30** Marley and Me (2008) **8.50** Django Unchained Interview Special **9.00** Aliens (1986) Sci-fi thriller sequel, with Sigourney Weaver.

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY
Assassins, Channel 5, 10pm
Hitman Robert Rath is planning to quit his lethal profession, especially when he is stalked by a ruthless younger assassin who has no qualms about killing innocent bystanders. But as Rath takes on his last assignment, he decides to protect his intended target after his rival comes gunning for her. Thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone and Antonio Banderas. (1995)

TUESDAY
Fifty Dead Men Walking, BBC1, 11.55pm
Fact-based thriller telling the story of Martin McGartland, who was recruited as a police informant in 1980s Belfast and sent on a mission to infiltrate the IRA. He rose swiftly through the ranks, providing vital information to the British authorities. Once he was exposed, he was tortured and forced to go into hiding. Starring Jim Sturgess and Ben Kingsley. (2008)

Paper Moon, Channel 4, 2.55am
A Depression-era conman meets a canny nine-year-old orphan, whom he realises could be his daughter, and agrees to take her to her aunt. Along the way, he realises the little girl is just as cunning as he is, and they form a successful criminal partnership. Drama, starring Ryan O'Neal alongside real-life daughter Tatum. With Madeline Kahn and Randy Quaid. (1973)

The Ring 2, Wednesday, BBC1, 12.05am

WEDNESDAY
The Ring 2, BBC1, 12.05am
Journalist Rachel Keller and her son try to rebuild their shattered lives, moving from Seattle to Oregon and starting afresh. However, the vengeful spirit of Samara follows, and this time she is determined to destroy them. Sequel to the horror remake, starring Naomi Watts, Simon Baker and David Dorfman. (2005)

THURSDAY
Navy Seals, Channel 5, 10pm
The US Navy's elite commando force embarks on a dangerous covert mission to rescue hostages from an Arab terrorist in Beirut. However, the assignment proves far more serious than expected when they realise their enemies have acquired powerful stolen missiles. Action adventure, starring Charlie Sheen. (1990)

FRIDAY
The Last Samurai, Channel 5, 9pm
The emperor of Japan recruits an American Civil War veteran to train his troops in a bid to wipe out a rebel faction of samurai warriors. The soldier is taken captive when the imperial army is defeated, and comes to respect his enemies' traditions and code of honour. Historical adventure, starring Tom Cruise. (2003)

Pick of the Week

There's no cheesy role for returning Martine

Well, we've witnessed some extraordinary demises in Midsomer Murders, but here's one that really takes the biscuit – death by cheese.

Yes, you really did read that correctly. And what's more, the character involved is played by former soap princess Martine McCutcheon. TV really can be a bizarre concoction at times...

McCutcheon is actually rather good as Debbie Moffett, who is crushed to death by a giant round of cheese at the award-winning dairy where she worked, just hours after an argument at a parents' council meeting at Midsomer Pastures Prep School.

It's been a while since we saw McCutcheon acting, and it seems she enjoyed being back on the box.

"I'm a troublemaker in the episode which is set around a posh prep school. My character is well-to-do and feisty, she's not Tiffany from Albert Square. It's great to do something I wouldn't normally do, as she's not a nice piece of work."

Certainly after Debbie's body is discovered, her colleagues seem more concerned about the state of the cheese than the woman herself – which probably tells you everything you need to know about her standing in the community.

Barnaby and Jones are also suspicious about the fact that nobody had a bad word to say about her – surely somebody somewhere must have had a crossed word with her at some point.

Eventually, the truth comes out. Debbie's daughter was about to be expelled from school; she was there on a scholarship which comes with strict rules not only for the pupil, but their parents too – and Debbie had broken one by having an affair with her boss, ex-rugby international Gregory Brantner.

Later, another body is found, this time with its mouth full of maggots. What can this mean?

Barnaby believes the answer lies in the dairy – every scrap of evidence the police finds seemed to be linked to it. But piecing it all together is where the hard work really starts...

McCutcheon has been performing professionally since the age of 12 when she landed a role in an advert. Modelling assignments, bit parts in TV series and appearances in music videos followed. She then had a stint in girl band Milan before EastEnders' bosses came calling.

She spent four years in Albert Square as Tiffany, with her final episode gaining 22 million viewers.

Since then, her career has been hit-and-miss, with a stint as a pop star and successful roles on stage in My Fair Lady and on the big screen in Love Actually proving to be the highlights.

But maybe happiness in McCutcheon's private life is about to signal a return to stardom – she recently tied the knot with singer-songwriter Jack McManus.

She says: "We are best friends as well as lovers and totally supportive of one another. We feel that we can conquer anything the world throws at us as long as we have each other, and that's a rare thing."

Perhaps this could be her perfect moment at last.

Martine McCutcheon stars in Midsomer Murders, Wednesday, ITV, 8pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
Lewis
ITV, 9pm
In this concluding episode of a two-part story, Lewis realises that pallbearer Liam Jay was beaten up and left for dead because he knows something about Whitby's death. The killer then turns their attention to Liam's girlfriend, and only some quick-thinking by the veteran detective saves her from death when the narrowboat on which she lives is set alight. Hathaway's jaunt to Kosovo soon comes in handy too – Lewis finds out that the Faulkners have a farmhouse in Croatia that may hold vital clues, so he sends his pal to take a look around.

Rory and Will – Champions of the World
Channel 5, 9pm
Rory McGrath and Will Mellor – an odd coupling you may think, but they actually work well here. The duo's remit is to become the best in the world at a selection of bizarre events. They begin by journeying to King's Lynn, home of Alan Cooper, the supreme Reliant Robin racer. The famed three-wheelers are driven to near destruction in each race, as Will soon finds out; Rory, meanwhile, adopts some cunning tactics that might just ensure an unlikely win. After that, they try some more sedate pastimes, including coin-tossing, thumb-wrestling and pea-shooting.

TUESDAY
Emmerdale
ITV, 7pm
As a one-time teen mum, Debbie should know the signs that a young girl is about to get out of her depth. So, when she spots 14-year-old Belle putting make-up on at the bus stop, and then heading back to the empty Dingle homestead arm-in-arm with Luke, she decides to tell Lisa what's going on. The concerned mother rushes home to find the teens canoodling on the sofa and forcibly separates them before warning Luke never to come back.

Dallas
Channel 5, 9pm
Like one of Ewing Oil's lucrative drilling sites, there's a rich seam of nostalgia to be gleaned from this slick revamp, but the loss of Larry Hagman last year was bound to leave fans moist of eye during his final performances. (Fans may note that a full episode later in the season will be devoted to JR's death). This week, Christopher attempts to gain the upper hand in his divorce from Rebecca Sutter (Julie Gonzalo). However, a bombshell soon scuppers his plans, so most of the family puts their differences aside and joins forces. Elsewhere, Ann (Brenda Strong) and Bobby face an alarming secret from her past when Harris Ryland (Mitch Pileggi) blackmails her.

WEDNESDAY
Derek
Channel 4, 10pm
Last April, Ricky Gervais played Derek Noakes, a seemingly autistic 49-year-old care worker who worked at Broadhill retirement home. It was one of the most touching, original comedy dramas of 2012, and now he's back directing, producing and starring in the first of a six-part series inspired by that pilot. Broadhill faces closure following a visit from the council, but the home's manager, Hannah (Kerry Godliman) is determined they stay open and rallies Derek, Dougie (Karl Pilkington) and Kev (David Earl) to raise money for the home.

THURSDAY
The Secret Life of Dogs
ITV, 9pm
Millions of people in Britain share their homes with a dog but how much do we really know about our four-legged friends? Don't worry, this documentary, narrated by Martin Clunes, isn't a shocking exposé about the dark side of canines, but it will give us a new insight into their behaviour, and their incredible hearing and sense of smell. We also get to find out how dogs are putting these 'super powers' to work as we hear from the people who owe their lives to a mutt, including Maureen Burns, who believes her collie cross Max detected her breast cancer before the doctors did.

Rory and Will – Champions of the World, Monday, Channel 5, 9pm

Charlie Brooker's Weekly Wipe
BBC2, 10pm
When it comes to weekly TV review shows, BBC Two has the genre sewn up with The Culture Show and highbrow The Review Show covering similar territory. Thankfully Charlie Brooker has never been a member of the stroky chin brigade, and is more likely to ridicule those who are as here he takes a satirical look back at the events of the past seven days, whether it's news, telly, video games or anything else that winds him up. "Weekly Wipe will be a sort of Omniwipe, encompassing Newswipe, Screenwipe, Gameswipe and 'Stuffwipe', for want of a better phrase," he Tweeted recently. Some may dislike Brooker's tone, but in a world of slick presenters who look great but say little worth hearing, he's always a breath of fresh air.

FRIDAY
Coronation Street
ITV, 7.30pm
So what if he's charming, well-spoken, and his idea of romance doesn't involve sharing a pack of pork scratchings in the Rovers Return? Lewis is still a wrong 'un. Not content with planning to break Gail's heart and empty her bank balance, the conman is also blackmailing Kylie. He informs the horrified barmaid that he won't tell the rest of Weatherfield know that she could be carrying Nick's baby on the condition that she gets him the password to her mother-in-law's bank account. Meanwhile, Gail is getting ready to tell her family that she's moving to Italy using the £40,000 she's borrowed against the house, but her lover is nowhere to be seen – has he already done a runner with her cash?

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Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 V	2 H	3 A	4 X	5 S	6 T	7 P	8 B	9 E	10 Y	11 G	12 J	13 R
14 L	15 M	16 N	17 D	18 F	19 U	20 Z	21 K	22 Q	23 O	24 I	25 W	26 C

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Sounds like a narrow channel without curves (8)
5. A spot for a vertical descent (4)
9. Not bound to be without charge (4)
10. Replacement footballer to command group (8)
11. I'd come back with transport for this piece of furniture (5)
12. Remove what was once a religious article (7)
13. They have a stirring influence beneath the surface (13)
18. How large towns are populated? Hardly! (8)
19. A good deal of money on the carpet (4)
20. A place from which to direct what precis writers do (7)
21. Clean up the lottery (5)
22. Book coming my way? (4)
23. Star skater is out of place here (8)

Down

2. Twist - or it's no change (7)
3. To declare how old a person is - that's mean (7)
4. Those who are busy doing homework (5-8)
6. A second draft is made when the warder returns north (7)
7. The sea-trip could be ruined by them (7)
8. Kind of board for securing bricks (6)
13. In a high position to begin with, he's only just made good (7)
14. Drawing a grid differently before morning (7)
15. Go back to do some more sowing, we hear (6)
16. Authorise me to return to governing office (7)
17. They prepare the ground for producing steering devices (7)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Immaculate (8)
5. Disable (4)
9. Performs (4)
10. Artist's paint boards (8)
11. Droll (5)
12. Protection (7)
13. Make-shift (5,3,5)
18. Correct answer (8)
19. Defeat (4)
20. Exhausted (7)
21. Truck (5)
22. Resound (4)
23. Correctly (8)

Down

2. Small flute (7)
3. Trying (7)
4. Permanent rule (8,5)
6. Feeler (7)
7. Dominance (7)
8. Young cow (6)
13. Remainder (7)
14. Let loose (7)
15. Detesting (6)
16. Clasp (7)
17. Plunder (7)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Depart; 4 Paddle; 9 Paying through; 10 Thirsty; 11 Idler; 12 Agate; 14 Pests; 18 Alone; 19 Cabinet; 21 Primogeniture; 22 Either; 23 Blades. Down: 1 Depots; 2 Physiognomist; 3 Rungs; 5 Airline; 6 Double-tongued; 7 Exhort ; 8 Stays; 13 The nose; 15 Sample; 16 Screw; 17 Stress; 20 Brill. QUICK - Across: 1 Repast; 4 Danger; 9 Circumference; 10 Precede; 11 Nurse; 12 Edict; 14 Dealt; 18 Occur; 18 Lucerne; 21 Filing cabinet; 22 Direct; 23 Invoke. Down: 1 Recipe; 2 Perpendicular; 3 Sauce; 5 Arrange; 6 General Franco; 7 Reeled; 8 Offer; 13 Chronic; 15 Doffed; 16 Slack; 17 Gentle; 20 Cabin.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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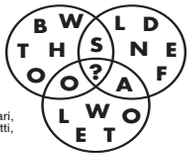
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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● You may have paid for the bricks and mortar but that doesn't mean you are free to do anything you want to your home. Be aware of legal regulations surrounding home improvements before you get started. Part P of the Building Regulations was introduced by the Government in 2005 to prevent accidents caused by faulty electrical jobs and most work carried out in your home must meet its requirements.

● Make sure you choose an electrician registered with a government-approved scheme, such as NICEIC, to carry out electrical work. After completion your electrician will issue you with a certificate for the work which is his declaration that it complies with the Wiring Regulations.

Soon after that you will receive a Part P certificate to confirm the work meets the requirements of the Building Regulations so you know it is safe and legal.

● You can only carry out electrical work yourself if you can inspect and test that it is safe for use. To comply with the law you must notify your local building control office before you begin any work and pay the appropriate fee for them to inspect the work.

● In the trade kitchens and bathrooms are known as 'special installations.' The NICEIC really does recommend that work in these areas requires a registered electrician. Water and hot surfaces are not a good mix with electrics, especially in kitchens where there are so many appliances.

● Gardens are another high risk area. The growing popularity of outdoor lighting and modern water features presents a new risk for DIYers, but water and extremes of weather can make equipment deteriorate faster so installations need professional attention.

● If hosting an outdoor party or barbecue, make sure you take extra safety precautions. Try to avoid running leads outside where children are likely to be running around and could trip up. However, if you must, make sure you keep any leads out of the way. Also, ensure they are safe and robust and it is essential that they are plugged into a RCD protected socket.

● If you don't have a Part P certificate to prove that work has been carried out by a registered electrician (or that the work has been passed as safe by your local building control office) it may cause problems when it comes to selling your home. Also, it is a criminal offence to carry out work that does not comply with Building Regulations and you could face a maximum fine of £5,000.

● Remember, DIY is a great way to save money and personalise your home but, if in doubt, ask for professional advice before you start.

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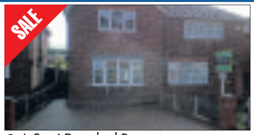

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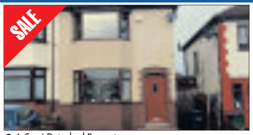

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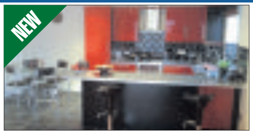

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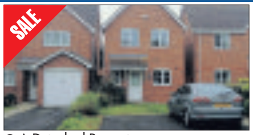

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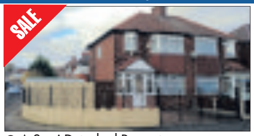

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WAS £499,000 NOW £474,050
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WAS £400,000 NOW £380,000
EDGBASTON, SANDON ROAD
A spacious property, ideal for business use, comprising five reception rooms, fitted kitchen plus separate utility, store room, eight bedrooms, and bathroom/shower room x 3, cloakroom x 4, stairs plus lift. Energy Rating E

WAS £115,000 NOW £109,250
SMETHWICK, BRISBANE ROAD
A well maintained three bedroom end terraced property in a convenient residential location. Benefiting from gas central heating and double glazing the accommodation comprises: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, cloakroom, three bedrooms, family bathroom. Garden areas to front and rear. Energy Rating D

Bearwood £84,950
Reduced
Richmond Road
A mid terraced property briefly comprising of two reception rooms, kitchen, two double bedrooms and family bathroom. The property further benefits from central heating, double glazing and rear garden. Energy Rating D

WAS £475,000 NOW £450,000
EDGBASTON, CITY ROAD
A spacious detached property currently used as two separate homes, comprising four reception rooms, kitchen x 2, cloakroom, six bedrooms, shower room x 2, bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, ample parking. Energy Rating D

WAS £99,950 NOW £95,000
WINSON GREEN, CHISWELL ROAD
A well proportioned mid terraced property briefly comprising of two reception rooms, well equipped kitchen, two double bedrooms, upstairs bathroom and enclosed rear courtyard. Energy Rating D

WAS £135,000 NOW £128,500
SMETHWICK, HALL ROAD
This three bedroom semi detached property has a through lounge dining room, three bedrooms, in need of some updating, but offers a good sized family accommodation. Energy Rating: E

WAS £99,950 NOW £85,500
SMETHWICK, EDITH ROAD
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WAS £57,000 NOW £54,000
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WAS £99,950 NOW £94,950
WEST BROMWICH, WOODWARD STREET
A three bedroom end-terrace property briefly comprising of, double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom, enclosed rear garden. ••• NO UPWARD CHAIN••• ENERGY RATING E

WAS £95,000 NOW £92,500
WEST BROMWICH, DEVON CRESCENT
••• NO UPWARD CHAIN ••• A 2 bedroom semi detached property,briefly comprising of double glazing,central heating, lounge, kitchen,1st floor bathroom,enclosed rear garden ENERGY RATING D

WAS £255,000 NOW £253,000
TIPTON, SCOTT STREET
A recently built 5 bedroom detached Barratts Home situated close to local amenities and transport links, ,briefly comprising of double glazing,central heating,lounge,dining room,kitchen,utility room,guest cloakroom,first floor bathroom, 2 ensuites, garage and enclosed rear garden. Energy Rating C

WAS £140,000 NOW £137,000
WEST BROMWICH, LILY STREET
A Well Maintained Semi Detached Property,having Three Bedrooms,One Reception Room,Kitchen/Diner,Central Heating and Double Glazing (where specified),Front,Rear and Side Gardens,Off Road Parking for Several Vehicles ENERGY RATING D

JANUARY SALE

Lewis Street tipton	Was £150,000	Now £145,000
Francis Ward Close West Bromwich	Was £115,000	Now £112,000
Hydes Road West Bromwich	Was £140,000	Now £135,000
Abbey Close West Bromwich	Was £110,000	Now £107,000
Hall Green Road West Bromwich	Was £135,000	Now £130,000
Kinths Crescent West Bromwich	Was £149,995	Now £145,000
Shetland Drive Smethwick	Was £120,000	Now £117,000
Marsh Lane West Bromwich	Was £117,500	Now £115,000
Harwood Street West Bromwich	Was £179,950	Now £160,000

West Bromwich £170,000
NEW
Hall Green Road
•••••NO UPWARD CHAIN••••• A four bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising: double glazing, central heating, two reception rooms, dining room, fitted kitchen, downstairs WC, first floor bathroom, driveway providing off road parking, enclosed rear garden. ENERGY RATING C

West Bromwich £299,950
NEW
St Augustus Close
••• DETACHED PROPERTY ••• briefly comprising of 4 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, large conservatory,central heating and double glazing, ensuite,upstairs bathroom,garage has been converted into a 2nd lounge with shower room, off road parking for several vehicles, views across Sandwell Valley ENERGY RATING D

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West Bromwich

Sunnydale Walk

Immaculately Presented First Floor Maisonette. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom and Communal Gardens. Viewing Highly Recommended. Energy Rating 69 (C)

£62,995

West Bromwich

REDUCED

Clifford Road

Two Bedroom End Terrace Property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms, Central Heating, Double Glazed, Front & Rear Gardens. Energy Rating 47 (E)

£78,000

Rowley Regis

REDUCED

Cakemore Road

Immaculately presented, Modern Mid Terraced House which briefly comprises of Lounge, Kitchen , Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Rear Garden, Parking to rear, Central Heating and Double Glazing. Viewing is Essential. Energy Rating 70 (C)

£80,000

Wednesbury

REDUCED

Coronation Road

Well Presented Mid Terrace Property, Briefly comprising of Two Bedrooms, One Reception Room, Up Stairs Bathroom, Central Heating and Double Glazing, Off Road Parking and Rear Garden. Viewing essential. Energy Rating 57 (D)

£85,000

West Bromwich

NEW

Vicarage Road

Well Presented Modern Mid Terraced House which briefly comprises of Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Rear Garden, Central Heating and Double Glazing. Energy Rating 70 (C)

£90,000

Wednesbury

REDUCED

Rooth Street

Three Bedroom Semi Detached House The property boasts a Lounge, Dining Room, kitchen and Bathroom to the Ground Floor, three bedrooms to the first floor and to the exterior benefits from rear garden. Energy Rating 50 (E)

£94,950

West Bromwich

REDUCED

Westminster Road

Immaculate Semi-Detached Property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Lobby, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Central Heating and Double Glazing where specified. Energy Rating 46 (E)

£98,000

West Bromwich

REDUCED

Ash Drive

Mid Terrace Property, Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Through Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Central heating and Double Glazing, Front And Rear Gardens and Garage. Offering No Upward Chain. Viewing is essential. Energy Rating 69 (C)

£105,000

West Bromwich

REDUCED

Ripon Drive

Semi-Detached house. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Kitchen, Down Stairs Bathroom, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Front and Rear Gardens, Central Heating and Double Glazing. NO UPWARDS CHAIN. Energy Rating 72 (C)

£105,000

West Bromwich

REDUCED

Canterbury Road

Semi-Detached property, Briefly comprising of One Reception Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Downstairs Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Central Heating and Double Glazing Where Specified and Off Road Parking. Energy Rating 73 (C)

£105,000

West Bromwich

REDUCED

Hall Green Road

Three bedroomed Mid terraced property briefly comprising of lounge, Dining Room fitted kitchen, Utility Room, Bathroom, central heating and double glazing, rear garden and off road parking. Energy Rating 63 (D)

£117,500

Wednesbury

NEW

Roberts Road

Well presented semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of One Reception Room, Cloak Room, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing essential to appreciate this property. Energy Rating 59 (D)

£120,000

West Bromwich

REDUCED

Elford Road

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens, Central Heated and Double Glazed. Energy Rating 72 (C)

£123,000

West Bromwich

REDUCED

Hall Green Road

Detached property, briefly comprising of Large Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Good Sized Rear Garden, Large Driveway, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating. Energy Rating 59 (D)

£130,000

West Bromwich

REDUCED

Wigmore Lodge

Two Bedroomed Period Property with Panoramic Views. Apartment must be viewed to be appreciated. Accomodation Comprises- Long Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Fitted Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, Enclosed Garden Area and Archway to rear Parking Area. Energy Rating 48 (E)

£133,000

West Bromwich

REDUCED

Stanley Road

Immaculately Presented Semi-Detached Property. Briefly comprising of Through Lounge, Extended Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom, Double Garage At Rear, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. Viewing highly recommended to appreciate this property. Energy Rating 59 (D)

£140,000

Wednesbury

REDUCED

Hobs Road

Three bedroom spacious much improved semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Garden, Off Road Parking, Central Heating and Double Glazing, space to side to extend subject to planning permission. Viewing essential to appreciate the accommodation on 0121 588 5666. Energy Rating 66 (D)

£140,000

West Bromwich

Ebrington Road

Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Property. Briefly comprising of One Reception Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens. Viewing recommended. Energy Rating 55 (D)

£160,000

West Bromwich

NEW

Salop Close

corner plot three bedroom semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Garage, Front and Rear Gardens, Potential for extension subject to planning via the council, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. Property is also alarmed. Energy Rating 60 (D)

£150,000

West bromwich

NEW

Meyrick Road

Well presented end terraced property. Briefly comprising of One Reception Room, Cloak Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Master with En Suite, Family Bathroom, Off Road Parking and Rear Garden, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy Rating 82 (B)

£155000

West Bromwich

REDUCED

Hall Green Road

Well Presented End Terrace Property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Driveway tprovided Off Road Parking, Rear Garden, Energy Rating 50 (E)

OIEO £160,000

West Bromwich

REDUCED

St Davids Close

three bedroom detached property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Off Road Parking, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. No upwards chain. Energy Rating 54 (E)

£170,000

West Bromwich

REDUCED

Walsall Road

Spacious, Detached Family Home offering Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms with, Family Bathroom, Large Rear Garden , and parking to the Rear. Viewing is essential to appreciate this property. Energy Rating 39 (E)

OIEO £195,000

West Bromwich

REDUCED

Walsall Road

•REDUCED BY £13,000 FOR QUICK SALE! Immaculately Presented Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow. The Property briefly comprisies of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen with Utility, Cloakroom, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Garage, Central Heating & Double Glazed, Front & Rear Garden. Viewing Highly Recommended. Energy Rating 39 (E)

£230,000

Wednesbury

NEW

Manifold Way

Well presented first flooor apartment. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, One Bedrooms, Bathroom, Central Heating and Double Glazing Where Specified. Energy Rating 80(C)

£395 PCM

Oldbury

NEW

Pinfold Street

Well presented modern apartment. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Communual gated gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating. Energy Rating 82 (B)

£475 PCM

West Bromwich

NEW

Marsh Lane

Three Bedroom Mid Terrace Property To Let. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Downstairs bathroom and Three Bedrooms. Viewing Essential. Available Immediately. DSS Accepted. Energy Rating 56 (D)

£525 PCM

West Bromwich

NEW

Church Vale

End terrace property. Briefly comprising of Lobby, Lounge, Dining Room, Cellar, Three Bedrooms, Down Stairs Bathroom, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified and Rear Garden. Energy Rating 58 (D)

£550 PCM

West Bromwich

NEW

Seagar Road

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property To Let. Briefly Comprising of Through Lounge, Extended Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Double Glazed, Central Heating, Driveway and Rear Garden. Available Immediately. Energy Rating 57 (D)

£575 PCM

West Bromwich

NEW

Heath Lane

Semi-Detached Property Briefly Comprising of 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway, Rear Garden Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Available February 6 Months - Long Term. Dss Considered. Energy Rating 50 (E)

£600 PCM

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Hempole Lane
Tipton

Modern Semi Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge / dining room, modern fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en suite bathroom, family bathroom, driveway, garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £138,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Scott Street
Tipton

Modern end 3 storey Town House offering gas central heating, upvc double glazing and excellent family size upgraded accommodation. Viewing recommended whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge / dining room, study room (possible 4th bedroom), fitted kitchen built in appliances, utility room, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, integral garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £164,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Sannders Crescent
Tipton

Modern 2.5 storey middle Town House offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and excellent size family accommodation. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 double bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, garage and paved rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £131,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Highfield Road
Tipton

End Terrace offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Good size accommodation briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, through lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, enclosed driveway and rear garden. EPC Rating C
OFFERS AROUND: £89,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Lichfield Street
Tipton

Purpose Built ground floor flat offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating, recently rewired and no upward chain. Well presented accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £60,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Manor Road
Tipton

End Terrace offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward chain and improved accommodation. Internal viewing recommended whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, new fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, new fitted shower room, 2 car driveway and good size rear garden. EPC Rating E
OFFERS AROUND: £99,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Leasowe Road
Tipton

Semi Detached offering upvc double glazing, central heating and no upward chain. spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, sitting room, side porch with store / toilet, 3 bedrooms, shower room and gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £84,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Gordon Drive
Tipton

Semi detached residence having UPVc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward chain, cul de sac location and briefly comprises: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, fitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Re fitted Bathroom, Side Garage, Gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Horseley Road
Tipton

Much improved middle terrace offering gas central heating, upvc double glazing and loft conversion. Spacious accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, cellar, lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen with breakfast area, downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, vehicle access to rear and enclosed yard. EPC Rating D
OFFERS AROUND: £114,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Steven Drive
Bilston

Modern Semi detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, garage and gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £124,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Lindley Avenue
Tipton

Traditional Semi Detached offering upvc double glazing (most windows) and no upward chain. Extended to rear, whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front and rear garden. EPC Rating E
OFFERS AROUND: £72,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Doughty Close
Tipton

Paul Dubberley & Co are now in receipt of an offer of £70,000.00 on First Floor Flat and Parking Space, 38 Doughty Close, TIPTON, West Midlands, DY4 7AJ. Interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to us before exchange of contracts takes place.
OFFERS AROUND: £74,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Dudley Road
Tipton

Extended semi detached offering upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Porch, reception hall, through lounge, fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs wet-room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £123,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Silvertrees Road
Tipton

Modern Detached occupying an excellent corner position. Offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and immaculate spacious family accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, crete-print driveway, garage and attractive rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £209,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Jonah Drive
Tipton

Modern Detached FREEHOLD First Floor Coach House offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and NHBC guarantee. Spacious accommodation briefly comprises, lounge / dining area, fitted kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom, 2 car parking and rear garden / drying area.
OFFERS AROUND: £72,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Leasowe Road
Tipton

Middle Terrace offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and good size family accommodation. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, dining room, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front and rear garden. EPC Rating D
OFFERS AROUND: £94,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Geneva Road
Tipton

End Terrace offering gas central heating, upvc double glazing, loft conversion and no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, inner lobby, guest cloakroom, kitchen, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £90,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Factory Road
Tipton

Modern semi detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garage and gardens. EPC Rating D
OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Briarley
West Bromwich
NEW

Cash offers are being invited for this upper floor apartment. Accommodation includes two bedrooms, lounge, kitchen & bathroom. The property benefits from double glazing, electric heating & a balcony. Externally there are communal gardens & parking. The property is offered with no ongoing chain.
OFFERS AROUND: £35,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

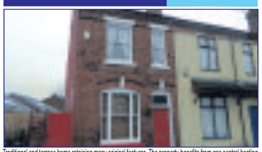
Oxhill Road
Birmingham
NEW

An extended three bedroom semi detached property of traditional build featuring a through lounge incorporating dining area, contemporary style kitchen & first floor family bathroom with white suite. The property benefits from double glazing & a gas central heating system. Externally there is off road parking with gardens to fore & rear. Viewing is essential to appreciate.
OFFERS AROUND: £155,000
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Haywoods Farm
West Bromwich
NEW

A 4 Bedroom Detached House situated in a quiet Residental Area. Benefiting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain! Accommodation Comprises:- Hallway, Ground Floor WC, Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Conservatory, Ground Floor Bedroom, Further 3 Bedrooms, En-suite from Master Bedroom, Family Bathroom, Gardens to the Front and Rear and off Road Parking for Several Cars.
OFFERS IN EXCESS: £175,000
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Bilhay Lane
West Bromwich
NEW



Traditional end terrace home retaining many original features. The property benefits from gas central heating & some secondary glazing. Ground floor accommodation includes two reception rooms, kitchen, utility room & bathroom. To the first floor are three bedrooms & further staircase to bedroom four. Externally there is a rear courtyard & garden. The property must be viewed to be appreciated & is available with no ongoing chain.
OFFERS AROUND: £114,500
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Livingstone Road
West Bromwich
REDUCED

A Well Presented First Floor Maisonette with Excellent Location For Town Centre and Transport Links. Double Glazing and Electric Storage Heating. Accommodation Comprises- Ground Floor Entrance & Bin Store, Lounge, Bedroom, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom/ WC, Garden and Allocated Parking Space.
OFFERS AROUND: £54,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Church Lane
West Bromwich
REDUCED

An Extended Traditional Style Mid Terraced House within close proximity to the Town Centre and Transport Links. Central Heating & Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, 2 Reception Rooms, Extended Kitchen, Shower Room/ WC, Three Bedrooms, Large Landscaped Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £97,000
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Charlemont Avenue
West Bromwich

An Extended Larger Type Traditional Semi Detached House within a popular cul de sac. Having Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises- Integral porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended/ Kitchen Diner, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Shower Room/ WC, Large Tiered Rear Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £174,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

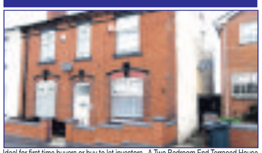
Walsall Road
West Bromwich

An Attractive Extended End Terraced House, Benefiting from Central Heating and Majority Double Glazing. Property comprises of:- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Recently refitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Dressing Room, Bathroom/WC, Block paved driveway and Side Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £119,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Whitgreave Street
West Bromwich

A Modernised Extended Traditional Semi Detached House offering Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Open Plan Lounge & Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen/ Diner, Conservatory, Ground Floor Shower Room/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, First Floor Bathroom/ WC, Large Rear Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking to Front.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Wood Lane
West Bromwich



Ideal for first time buyers or buy to let investors. A Two Bedroom End Terraced House benefitting from Majority Centrally Heated and Majority Double Glazed from No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Party Tunnel Side Entry, Entrance Hall, 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC and small gardens to front & rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £84,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Temple Meadows Road
West Bromwich

A Rare Opportunity to purchase this Spacious Traditional Detached House. Requires Upgrade and Refurbishment but Priced Accordingly. No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Verandah, Kitchen, 3 Good Size Rooms, Bathroom with Separate WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking Leading to Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £199,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Ruskin Street
West Bromwich

A Modern Semi Detached with an excellent town centre location, close to local amenities, transport links and Sandwell Hospital. Benefiting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Canopy Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/ Diner with Large Understairs Pantry, 3 Bedrooms, Refitted Shower Room/ WC, Front & Rear Gardens with Motion Sensor Security Lights and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £135,000
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Rydding Lane
West Bromwich

A much improved and extended four bedroom semi detached house with gas central heating and double glazing. Viewing is essential on this property to appreciate the spacious accommodation on offer, which includes porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, breakfast kitchen, second conservatory is adapted as a utility, office, four bedrooms, master with en-suite, family bathroom, walled gated foregarden with ample parking, enclosed rear garden with two sheds.
OFFERS AROUND: £179,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

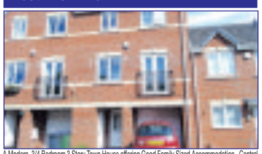
Princes Gate
West Bromwich

Modern 1 bedroom 2nd floor apartment close to J1 M5, double glazing, electric heating, no upward chain, hall with security intercom, lounge, fitted kitchen, fitted bathroom & parking space.
OFFERS AROUND: £59,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Meyrick Road
West Bromwich

A Modern 2 Bedroom Mid Terraced Property with No Upward Chain, Central Heating, Double Glazing and Requiring Redecorating and Minor Upgrade. Property Comprises of :- Hallway, Ground Floor W/C, Kitchen, Lounge, 2 Bedrooms, En-suite from Master Bedroom and Family Bathroom. Rear Garden and driveway for off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,999
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Meyrick Road
West Bromwich



A Modern, 3/4 Bedroom 3 Story Town House offering Good Family Sized Accommodation. Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Hall with Guest Cloaks WC, Utility, Ground Floor Bedroom, Landing with WC, Lounge, 'L' Shaped Kitchen Diner, Master Bedroom with En suite, 2 further Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Rear Garden, Driveway and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Hall Green Wharf
West Bromwich

A Recently Built two bedroom detached bungalow situated on an exclusive gated development. Comprising of seven properties, all built to high specification and carrying the NHBC ceftificate. With gas central heating, double glazing, alarm, accommodation includes entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, rear hall, two bedrooms, bathroom, single garage, gardens front and rear. Viewing highly recommended.
OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Rydding Square
West Bromwich

An Attractive, Deceptively Spacious, Mid Terraced House benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Study/ Cloak Room, Through Lounge, Fitted Dining Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Attractive Bathroom/ WC, Low Maintenance Rear Garden and Garage to Rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

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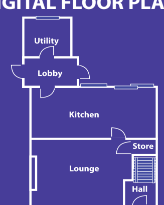

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Manifold Way, Wednesbury

- A Modern 1 Bedroom, 2nd Floor Apartment
- No Upward Chain!
- Great Investment Opportunity
- Communal Entrance

OFFERS AROUND: **£45,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Willingsworth Road, Wednesbury

- Presenting a 2 Bedroom End Terrace
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Chain!
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£69,950**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Addenbrooke Street, Darlaston — NEW

- A Period 3 Bedroom End Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: **£70,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Waldron Close, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Modern 2 Bedroom Starter Home
- No Upward Chain!
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: **£85,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Corporation Street, Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Short Distance to Wednesbury Town Centre
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: **£94,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hobs Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Located on a Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.)
- No Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: **£97,495**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Canalside Close, Wednesbury

- A Purpose Built 2 Bedroom First Floot Flat
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: **£65,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Old College Drive, Wednesbury

We act on behalf of the mortgagees in possession and they are in receipt of an offer of £74,001 subject to contract for the above property. Anyone wishing to place a higher offer must do so before legal exchange of contracts.

OFFERS AROUND: **£72,500**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Peel Close, Darlaston

- A Modern 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS OVER: **£80,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Wolverhampton Street, Darlaston

- A Period 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.)
- Extended & Well Presented
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£85,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Vicarage Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Period 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home with No Chain!
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as spec.)
- Dining Room with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: **£85,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Osborne Drive, Victoria Mews

- A Modern 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double Glazing
- Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: **£89,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

William Green Road, Wednesbury

- A 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as Spec.)
- Generous Corner Plot
- Excellent Views

OFFERS OVER: **£90,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Moorlands Road, West Bromwich — NEW

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Upward Chain!
- In Need of General Upgrade
- Excellent Local Amenities

OFFERS AROUND: **£90,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Consort Drive, Wednesbury

- A Modern 2 Bedroom Starter Home
- No Chain!
- Ideal First Time Purchase/Investment
- Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: **£90,000**
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Waverley Road, Wednesbury

- 2 Bedroom (previously a 3 Bedroom) Mid Terrace Home
- Short Walk to Darlaston Town Centre
- Gas Centrally Heated
- UPVc Double Glazed

OFFERS AROUND: **£92,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Crawford Avenue, Darlaston

- 3 Bedroom Mid Townhouse
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double GLazing (where specified)

OFFERS AROUND: **£94,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Durham Road, Wednesbury

- An Exceptionally Well Presented 2 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Centrally Heated & Double Glazed (As spec.)
- No Chain!
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£99,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Dangerfield Lane, Wednesbury — NEW

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Occupying Generous Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (both as specified)
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: **£100,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Wednesbury Oak Road, Tipton — NEW

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (As spec.)
- No Chain!
- In Need of General Upgrade

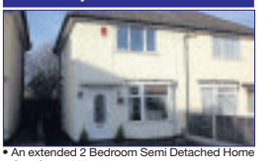
OFFERS AROUND: **£100,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

The Furlong, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Up Ward Chain!
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£100,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Myvod Road, Wednesbury



- An extended 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS OVER: **£105,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Ames Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A 4 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Upward Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: **£105,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Woden Road East, Wednesbury

- Extended 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double Glazing
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£110,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Manifold Way, Wednesbury

- A Quirky & Characterful 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Occupying a Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: **£130,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Manor House Road, Wednesbury

- Individual Detached Residence
- No Upward Chain!
- 3 Bedrooms (En-Suite to Bedroom 1)
- Deceptively Spacious

OFFERS AROUND: **£134,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hodgkiss Close, Wednesbury

- A Modern 4 Bedroom Executive Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: **£235,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Longmore Street, Wednesbury

- A Double Fronted 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Quiet & Popular Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: **£145,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Buckingham Close, Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Link Detached Home
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)

OFFERS AROUND: **£134,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Longmore Street, Wednesbury

- A Modern 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Quiet Cul-deSac & Sought after Location
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£130,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

St Peter Croft, Wednesbury

- A Modern 4 Bedroom Detached Home
- Located in Private Driveway
- No Chain!
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

OFFERS AROUND: **£220,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hollies Drive, Wednesbury

- A Wonderful Period Butt Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Partially Double Glazed
- Retaining Many Original Features
- Vestibule Entrance

OFFERS AROUND: **£214,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Wood Green Road, Wednesbury

- A Substantial 4 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating & Partial Double Glazing
- Many Original Features
- Storm Porch & Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£195,000**
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Tame Avenue, Wednesbury

- Extended Semi-Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Reception Hall
- Lounge & Sitting Room

OFFERS AROUND: **£145,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Ridding Lane, Wednesbury

- Period Terrace Home
- Deceptively Spacious
- 4 Good Bedrooms
- Entrance Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£138,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Woden Road East, Wednesbury

- A Traditional 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.)
- No Chain!
- Excellent Commuter Links

OFFERS AROUND: **£170,000**
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Tettenhall Road Wolverhampton

A well presented Studio apartment, situated in a desirable neighbourhood just a short distance from Tettenhall Green and with easy access to the City centre. This impressive property is finished to a good standard and offers a spacious layout. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Double bedroom, Bathroom, No Dss. Furnished

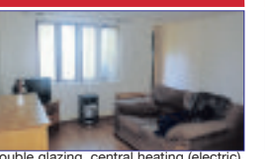
£325 pcm

Wake Green Road

A well presented modern one bedroom apartment offering a popular location close to local amenities. the property is finished to a good standard and briefly comprises of Open plan lounge kitchen, Double bedroom, Bathroom and double glazing. No Dss.

£350 pcm

Dudley Road West



Modern purpose built ground floor flat with double glazing, central heating (electric). The well presented internal accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, inner hallway, fitted kitchen with built in oven & hob, 1 bedroom, bathroom and parking space.Furniture

£350 pcm

Lower Lichfield Street Willenhall — NEW

To let: A first floor one bedroom apartment above Lockwood Animal Hospital in Willenhall centre close to all local ameneties and bus routes and having gas central heating and part UPVC double glazing. The property briefly comprises, reception hallway, bathroom with shower, kitchen, lounge with gas fire and allocated parking space. An additional £50 needed for gas and electric bills. DSS considered.

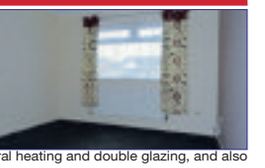
£375 pcm

Hawkins Croft

Modern Semi Detached house, double glazing & gas central heating.
Reception hall, open plan lounge / fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 1 bedroom, bathroom with shower and 2 parking spaces.

£380 pcm

Withers Way



A ground floor flat which benefits from central heating and double glazing, and also having communal gardens. Briefly comprising reception hall,lounge, kitchen, 1 bedroom and shower room with new shower, wash basin and w/c. Viewing 0121 525 5520

£395 pcm

Rugeley Close Tipton

A first floor apartment overlooking the canal and having the benefit of electric heating and double glazing. The property briefly comprises reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven and hob, bathroom with shower over bath, wash basin and wc and one bedroom with built in wardrobe. Allocated car parking space.

£395 pcm

Oldbury Road Rowley Regis — NEW

A modern one bedroom apartment, Offering a popular location close to excellent transport links and briefly comprises of Lounge, Modetn fitted kitchen, Double bedroom, Bathroom, parking. Dg and Gch.

£395 pcm

Tettenhall Road Wolverhampton

A well presented one bedroom apartment, situated in a desirable neighbourhood just a short distance from Tettenhall Green and with easy access to the City centre. This impressive property is finished to a good standard and offers a spacious layout. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Double bedroom, Bathroom, No Dss. Furnished

£400 pcm

Lower Forster Street Walsall

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DESCRIPTION The property comprises a two storey inner terraced office building of brick construction with a pitched roof. Pay and Display on street car parking is available immediately outside, car parking permits may

£425 pcm

Pinfold Street Extension

Period mid terrace house, no upward chain, central heating, double glazing, 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs bathroom & rear garden.

£425 pcm

Toll End Road Tipton

A refurbished first floor apartment offering a good standard of accommodation with easy access to transport links. The property briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern well equipped fitted kitchen, One double bedroom, small second bedroom, Refitted bathroom, Double glazing, Gas central heating and ample parking.

£425 pcm

Mountbatten Close West Bromwich

The property comprises a one bedroom flat benefiting from central heating. The accomodation includes reception hall with storage room off, lounge, fitted kitchen with, fridge, freezer, gas cooker and microwave, bathroom with electric shower. Off road parking. Part Furnished

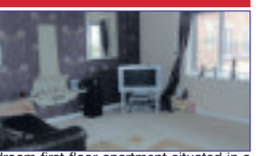
£430 pcm

Dagger Lane West Bromwich

A well appointed two bedroom first floor apartment, Situated in a most desirable nieghbourhood close to local amenities and a short distance from the town centre. Briefly comprising of Lounge, modern fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Dg and Gch. Sorry No Dss.

£495 pcm

Ferguson Drive



A well presented modern furnished two bedroom first floor apartment situated in a popular development the property offers a spacious layout and briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted dining kitchen, Two bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing & two allocated parking spaces.

£495 pcm

Church Lane West Midlands

A Centrally Heated, Double Glazed & Intruder Alarmed Semi Detached House. Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/WC, 3 Bedrooms, Good sized rear garden and off road parking for 2 cars. No dss

£500 pcm

Richard Williams Road

A well presented and much improved three bedroom semi detached property, Situated in a quiet cul de sac location close to excellent local amenities and transport links. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Downstairs bathroom, Three good size bedrooms, Private rear garden, Driveway, Dg and Gch. DSS considered with a suitable guarantor

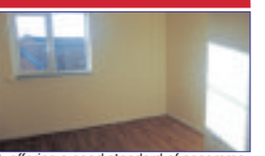
£500 pcm

Willenhall Street Darlaston

TO LET: A fully refurbished three bedroom middle terrace property benefitting from majority UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. The property briefly comprises, lounge, dining room, re-fitted breakfast kitchen, re-fitted ground floor bathroom, three bedrooms and rear garden.

£525 pcm

Thunderbolt Way



A well presented modern top floor apartment, offering a good standard of accommodation and a spacious layout. Briefly comprising of Lounge with open plan modern fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Allocated Parking, Dg and Electric heating

£495 pcm

Oakley Avenue Tipton

Semi Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and close to local amenities and transport links. Briefly Comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen / Dining room, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Side Driveway, Side Carport, Side Garage, Fore and rear Gardens.

£575 pcm

Whitgreave Street

A superbly appointed and stylishly presented three bedroom bay fronted semi detached residence, situated in a well established neighbourhood the property has undergone extensive refurbishment throughout and finished to a high standard making internal viewing essential to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation. To include Reception hallway, through lounge, Modern refitted kitchen, with breakfast bar, Three good size bedrooms, Refitted bathroom, Private rear garden, Dg and Gch. No DSS

£575 pcm

Oakham Road Oldbury

A well appointed two bedroom semi detached bungalow situated in a well established •span id="RadESpellError_0" class="RadEWrongWord">desi•/span> location

£600 pcm

Gospel Oak Road

A Well appointed three bedroom extended bay fronted detached residence offering a popular location, briefly comprises of Reception hallway, Extended through lounge , Fitted Kitchen, Dining room, Three good size bedrooms, Large rear garden, Driveway, Dg and Gch No Dss.

£625 pcm

Grange Road West Bromwich

Spacious Four bedroom traditional property set in a highly sought after location with easy access to West Bromwich centre. The property boasts a well planned layout and would ideally suit a larger family. Briefly comprising of Two reception rooms, Kitchen, Guest wc, Good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Garage, Dg and Gch. Sorry No Dss.

£795 pcm

Aster Way

Impressive four bedroom executive detached property, situated in a popular well established location close to excellent transport links and. This impressive property offers a well planned spacious layout and would make a comfortable family home. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining Room, Sitting room, Modern well equipped fitted kitchen. Four good size bedrooms, En suite to master, Detached garage, Driveway, Dg and Gch. No Dss.

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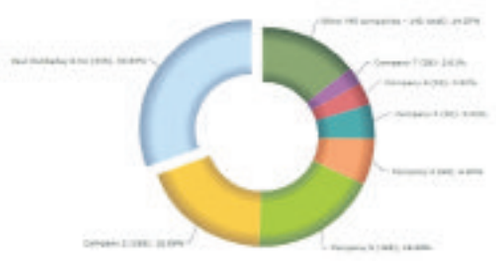

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Overlooking open countryside
Integral garage, EPC rating E.
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DEVON ROAD, BEARWOOD

3 bed home with driveway to front
Gardens to rear of property
26ft lounge diner and 15ft9 fitted kitchen
UPVC DG & gas central heating
No upward chain
Gardens to rear. EPC rating: D
£169,950 Ref: D1260

KINITHS WAY, HALESOWEN

Extended 3 bed semi-detached home
Cul-de-sac position with private rear aspect
Extended & refitted 14ft kitchen
17ft9 lounge & separate dining room
Refitted bathroom & 3 bedrooms
Blockpaved driveway & garage
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CHATSWORTH ROAD, HALESOWEN

3 double bedrooms & 2 bathrooms
Dining room, 17ft5 lounge & 11ft2 kitchen
Driveway for several vehicles & garage
Lawn garden with elevated aspect
UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
EPC rating D
£134,950 Ref: D1268

HILLSIDE CLOSE, BARTLEY GREEN

Extended home in cul-de-sac
16ft lounge leading to 13ft7 dining area
Refitted 11ft kitchen
3 good sized bedrooms & refitted bathroom
Rear garden with private aspect
UPVC DG & GCH. EPC rating: C
£129,950 Ref: D1265

PARKES STREET, SMETHWICK

Well presented 3 bed terraced home
UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
Lounge & open plan kitchen/dining room
Downstairs bathroom with white suite
2 double & one single bedroom on first floor
EPC rating: D
£97,500 Ref: D1262

ABBEY CRESCENT, OLDBURY

Much improved 3 bed semi with parking
Entrance hall & WC - spacious lounge
Refitted breakfast kitchen with appliances
Two double and one single bedroom
Refitted bathroom with shower - white suite
GCH & UPVC DG. EPC rating: D
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PERRY HILL ROAD, OLDBURY

Extended & immaculate 3 bed home
2 receptions, breakfast kitchen & utility
Conservatory & refitted d/s shower room
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Private garden with westerly aspect
Driveway & garage. EPC rating: E
£195,000 Ref: D1243

APSLEY ROAD, OLDBURY

Extended 4 bed semi
Large Kitchen with dining room off
Lounge & separate sitting room
4 beds, shower room & 2nd WC
Parking to front & enclosed rear garden
UPVC DBG, GCH & alarm. EPC rating: D
£179,950 Ref: D1230

CHESTNUT ROAD, OLDBURY

3 bedroom detached family home
No upward chain
26ft lounge diner & kitchen
Garage & driveway
Extensive lawned rear garden
GCH & DG fitted. EPC rating: E
£164,950 Ref: D1236

ROMSLEY ROAD, OLDBURY

Superb 3 bedroom semi-detached home
Refitted 16ft dining kitchen & 13ft lounge
Refitted bathroom with white suite
Driveway to front & workshop to rear
UPVC DG & gas central heating
EPC rating: D
£129,950 Ref: D1253

FERNDALE ROAD, OLDBURY

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OLDBURY
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SMETHWICK
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- Hall, lounge, separate dining room, conservatory and 18ft fitted kitchen downstairs
- Laid out gardens with substantial garage at rear
- Many original features

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WHEATLEY CLOSE, OLDBURY

- Freehold end town house
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Three bedrooms
- Fully tiled bathroom with individual shower
- Lounge & open plan refitted kitchen/dining room
- Conservatory

Offers based on £134,950

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NEW

CLAY LANE, OLDBURY

- Freehold detached property
- Three bedrooms with master having en-suite
- Family bathroom
- Hall and downstairs cloakroom
- Dining room, lounge, kitchen and conservatory
- Off-street parking
- Integral garage
- Centrally heated, PVC double glazed & alarmed
- IDEALLY SUITED FOR FAMILY ACCOMMODATION

Offers based on £179,950

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NEW

TRINDER ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Three bedrooms and full tiled bathroom
- Spacious lounge, dining room and kitchen
- Off-street parking for two cars
- Ideally suited for first time buyers

Offers based on £114,950

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NEW

PITCAIRN ROAD, BEARWOOD

Freehold semi-detached property

- Close to Warley Woods
- Centrally heated
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, front sitting room and extended through lounge/dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room and downstairs cloakroom
- Side garage and garden to the rear
- Off-street parking
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED

Offers based on £217,000

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NEW

EDWARD ROAD, OLDBURY

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Located in Oldbury close to both the main Wolverhampton and Hagley Road West
- Centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms, Bathroom, Hall, Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Side Garage, Downstairs Cloakroom/WC, Garden to the Rear
- Having the benefit off street parking
- Providing ideal family accommodation

Offers based on £169,950

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LINCOLN ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms and shower room
- Spacious lounge and kitchen/breakfast room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Neatly laid out gardens to front and rear
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre

Offers based on £112,000

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HARVEST ROAD, SMETHWICK

- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
- Freehold semi-detached property
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, lounge and kitchen/breakfast room
- Laundry and downstairs cloakroom
- Detached side garage and off-street parking

Offers based on £129,950

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NEW

BROADWAY, OLDBURY

- Modern freehold semi-detached residence
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Three good size bedrooms & bathroom with shower
- Hall, well proportioned lounge & kitchen/breakfast room
- Garage and off-street parking
- Delightful mature gardens
- Exceptionally convenient and popular location

Offers based on £155,000

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REDUCED

LINCOLN ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Easy reach comprehensive day-to-day amenities to include Bearwood High Street and Warley Woods
- Traditional freehold semi-detached residence
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Much improved accommodation
- Three bedrooms & fully tiled well appointed bathroom
- Hall, lounge, refitted dining/kitchen, laundry/utility and downstairs W.C.
- Laid out gardens & off-street parking for two cars
- MUCH IMPROVED THROUGHOUT

Offers based on £115,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

PARGETER ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Freehold mid-terraced property
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre
- Close Warley Woods and Lightwoods Park
- Mostly PVC double glazed
- Gas centrally heated
- Two double bedrooms
- Lounge and open plan kitchen/dining room
- Utility
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED

Offers based on £134,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

MARLBOROUGH RD, BEARWOOD

- Mid-terraced freehold property
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre
- Close proximity to Bearwood shopping centre, Warley Woods and Lightwoods Park
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Two double bedrooms & bathroom to first floor
- Dining room, lounge, kitchen and utility
- Ideal for first time purchasers
- Internal inspection to be appreciated

Offers based on £124,950

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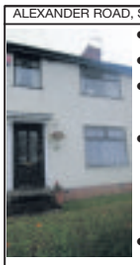
ALEXANDER ROAD, SMETHWICK



- Freehold end town house
- Centrally heated
- Three bedrooms and bathroom with shower
- Hall, lounge and kitchen/breakfast room IDEALLY SUITED FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS
- Easy reach of Warley Woods

Offers based on £99,950

Viewing via Bearwood Office

NEW

BERESFORD ROAD, OLDBURY

- Centrally heated (where specified)
- PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge, dining room and kitchen
- Shower room
- Close Oldbury town centre
- IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS

Offers based on £99,950

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SELSEY ROAD, EDGBASTON

- Centrally heated
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- Two double bedrooms
- Spacious bathroom with mixer shower unit
- Split level through lounge/dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Neatly laid out gardens
- SENSIBLY PRICED

Offers based on £99,950

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15 ANDERSON ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Traditional freehold terraced villa
- Gas centrally heated and part double glazed
- Many original features to include fireplaces, windows, etc.
- FOUR double bedrooms
- Spacious well appointed bathroom with individual shower
- Attractive lounge, dining/kitchen and separate laundry/utility room
- Ornamental garden at rear

Offers based on £154,500

Viewing via Bearwood Office.

EDWARD ROAD, SMETHWICK

- End terraced villa
- Close to Smethwick High Street
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge and kitchen/breakfast room
- Downstairs bathroom
- IN NEED OF MODERNISATION

Offers based on £70,000

Viewing via Bearwood Office

KINGSWAY, OLDBURY

- Extended semi-detached property
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Master bedroom with en-suite shower room and three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom, Through lounge/dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- Off-street parking for two cars
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED

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KATHERINE ROAD, BEARWOOD

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- Three bedrooms and refitted bathroom
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- Downstairs shower room/WC
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- Delightful feature gardens
- INTERNAL INSPECTION ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL

Offers based on £182,500

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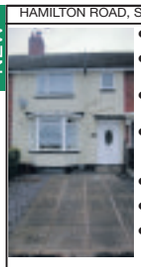
NEW

HAMILTON ROAD, SMETHWICK



- Freehold mid-town house
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, spacious lounge & kitchen/breakfast room
- Garden to the rear
- Off-street parking
- IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS

Offers based on £94,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

REDUCED

WOODLANDS STREET, SMETHWICK

- Freehold mid-terraced property
- Centrally heated and virtually double glazed throughout
- Two double bedrooms and bathroom
- Two reception rooms and kitchen
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED

Offers based on £82,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

REDUCED

BIRCH ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated in this popular location a modern link-detached property being close to both the Wolverhampton Road and Hagley Road West at Quinton, offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom, hall, spacious lounge, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs cloakroom, ground floor shower room, garage and neatly laid out garden to the rear, having the benefit of off-street parking to the front for up to four cars, with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and providing ideal family accommodation.

Offers in the region of £180,000 to £200,000

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ROWLEY REGIS : 36 DUDLEY ROAD
Freehold semi-detached with 3 bedrooms, double glazed and centrally heated but needing improvement.....**£70– 80,000**

OLDBURY : FLAT 6 THE HAWTHORNES, 380 HAGLEY ROAD WEST
Modern 2 bedroomed flat needing general improvement.....**£60- 70,000**

SMETHWICK : 53 SHAKESPEARE ROAD
Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 3 bedroomed Semi-detached, needing modernisation.....**£80- 90,000**

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Freehold centrally heated and double glazed investment. Comprising two self-contained flats.....**£95-100,000**

SMETHWICK : 147 GREAT ARTHUR STREET
Freehold 4 bedroomed mid-town house being centrally heated and double glazed, in need of full modernisation.....**£75 - 80,000**

BEARWOOD : 86 RATHBONE ROAD
Freehold centrally heated terraced with 2 bedrooms, some double glazing and in need of some upgrading.....**£90-100,000**

SMETHWICK : 135 HALES LANE
Freehold 3 bedroomed centrally heated and double glazed semi-detached, requiring some upgrading.....**£80- 90,000**

BEARWOOD : 31 HAMILTON ROAD
Freehold 3 bedroomed centrally heated, double glazed and extended semi-detached in need of general upgrading.....**£80- 90,000**

OLDBURY : 10 ABBEY CRESCENT
Freehold 3 bedroomed semi-detached, part double glazed, in need of full modernisation.....**£circa 90,000**

SMETHWICK : 220 WATERLOO ROAD
Freehold 3 bedroomed terraced in need of full improvement.....**£80- 85,000**

SMETHWICK : 15 BRIDGE STREET SOUTH
Freehold 3 bedroomed mid-terraced property needing full modernisation.....**£45- 50,000**

SMETHWICK : 11 SHAKESPEARE ROAD
Freehold centre town house being gas centrally heated and double glazed, but needing some further cosmetic improvement.....**£ 80- 90,000**

SMETHWICK : 227 LONDONDERRY LANE
Freehold centrally heated and double blazed 3 bedroomed end town house, in need of upgrading.....**£ 80- 90,000**

SMETHWICK : 24 VINCE STREET
Freehold 2 bedroomed terraced, centrally heated and double glazed, needs further improvement.....**£ 75- 80,000**

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- ORP
- Rear garden

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Tipton
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- Lounge with Juliette balcony
- Unfurnished
- Kitchen with appliances

£425pcm

Rowley Regis
Powke Lane

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- FF Kitchen with appliances
- GCH & DG
- Lounge
- Dining area
- Master bedroom en-suite
- Rear garden and ORP
- Alarmed

£795pcm

Dudley
High Park Close

- Three bed detached house
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Porch & hallway
- Kitchen with appliances
- Bathroom with bath & separate shower
- GCH & DG
- Garage
- Private garden

£650pcm

Dudley
Madison Avenue

- Three bed town house
- Located opp Westfield Shopping Centre
- Lounge
- Downstairs WC
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Master bedroom is ensuite
- Allocated parking
- Available Immediately

£625pcm

Tipton
Bedford Street

- Three bed town house
- Lounge Diner
- Master bedroom en suite
- Rear garden
- DG & GCH
- Separate Garage & ORP

£595.00pcm

Tipton
Kirkham Way

- Freshly decorated three bed semi
- CH & DG
- Newly carpeted throughout
- Lounge
- Separate dining room
- Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Private rear garden
- Ample ORP

£550pcm

Wednesbury
Devon Road

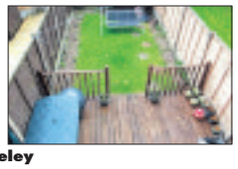
- Two bed semi detached
- Fitted kitchen
- Hall, spacious
- lounge
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Central heated

£550pcm

Tipton
Ferguson Drive

- Two bed mid terrace
- Gas fired central heating
- Double glazed
- Hall
- Lounge with patio doors
- Kitchen with appliances
- Private rear garden
- ORP

£525pcm



Coseley
Redwood Road

- Two bed mid town house
- Fitted dining/kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- DG
- Rear garden with decking
- ORP
- Available Feb

£500pcm

Wolverhampton
Shaylor Grove

- Two bed semi
- Unfurnished
- Fully fitted
- kitchen with new cooker
- GCH

£475pcm

Dudley
Russells Hall Road

- Three bed semi
- Kitchen with cooker
- GCH
- Bath and shower facilities
- ORP
- F & R Gardens

£475pcm

Bilston
Bradley Lane

- Three bed semi
- Fitted kitchen with appliances
- CH and DG
- Bathroom with shower

£450pcm

Hagley
The Briars

- One bed coach house apartment
- Spacious lounge
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Central Heated
- Bathroom with bath

£450pcm

Willenhall
Gipsy Lane

- Two bed detached bungalow
- CH & DG
- Unfurnished
- Bathroom with separate shower cubicle
- Rear garden with shed
- Off road parking

£450pcm

Bilston
Ambleside Close

- Modernised one bed town house
- Hallway
- Luxuriously appointed lounge
- Fully fitted dining kitchen
- Part furnished
- Bathroom with bath & shower
- Allocated parking
- Available immediately

£435pcm

Tipton
Nock Street

- Ground floor two bed maisonette
- GCH and DG
- Refitted Bathroom with shower
- Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Rear garden
- Available immediately

£425pcm

Tipton
Regent Street

- One bed semi bungalow
- CH & DG
- Bathroom with walk in shower
- Attractive landscaped gardens

£425pcm

Coseley
Yew Tree Lane

- Two Bed apartment
- Kitchen with appliances
- CH and DG
- Bathroom with shower and bath
- Communal gardens
- Allocated Parking

£425pcm

Willenhall
Keats Road

- FF Two bed apartment
- Kitchen with Cooker
- Bathroom with Shower
- GCH & DG

£400pcm

Dudley
Viewfield Crescent

- One bed first floor apartment
- DG
- Kitchen with oven & fridge
- Bathroom with shower
- Available immediately
- Housing benefits considered

£375pcm

Kingswinford
Ragees Road

- Charming one bed ground floor studio flat
- Lounge with feature fireplace
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- Double glazed throughout
- Kitchen with appliances
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- ORP

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- Bathroom with Walk in Shower
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Sorry NO DHSS, Pets or Smokers

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WALSALL
Harness Close

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge ● Kitchen ● Family Bathroom
- Gardens ● No Pets or Smokers
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating

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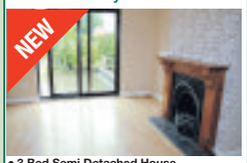

- 3 Bed Semi Detached House
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Sorry NO DHSS

£525 PCM

WEDNESBURY
OLD COLLEGE DRIVE

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Allocated Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£495 PCM

TAMEBRIDGE
BIDDLESTONE GROVE

- 2 Bed Semi Detached
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Sorry NO DHSS

£495 PCM

WALSALL
Tanners Court

- Two bedroom apartments
- Lounge ● Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite
- Sorry No DHSS

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WALSALL
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- Lounge ● Kitchen ● Family Bathroom
- Part Central Heated
- Double Glazing ● Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens ● Sorry No DHSS

£475 PCM

WEDNESBURY
WEDGEBURY CLOSE

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Secured Entrance
- First Floor
- SORRY NO DHSS

£475 PCM

DARLASTON
BROADWATERS ROAD

- 3 Bed Semi Detached House
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- DHSS Considered

£475 PCM

DARLASTON
SPROAT AVE

- 2 Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen Diner
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Sorry NO DHSS

£475 PCM

WALSALL
Earls Court

- Two Bedroom Second Floor Apartment
- Secure Intercom Entrance
- Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Communal Grounds with Allocated Parking
- Secure Gated Access
- Sorry NO DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£450 PCM

WEST BROMWICH
WYNDMILL CRESCENT

- 1st Floor 1 Bed Flat
- New Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Private Entrance
- Balcony
- Designated Parking

£425 PCM

WEDNESBURY
MANIFOLD WAY

- One Bed Apartment
- 3rd Floor
- French Doors
- Allocated Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£395 PCM

WEST BROMWICH
PRINCES GATE

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Communal Grounds
- Allocated Parking

£395 PCM

DARLASTON
KINGS HILL MEWS

- One Bedroom
- Lounge with Dining Area
- Seperate Fitted Kitchen
- Part Furnished
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£395 PCM

WALSALL
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- Shower Room
- Heating ● Balcony
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Sandwell

£180k for three-bed house in the valley

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The accommodation at the property in St Johns Close, West Bromwich, briefly comprises of through lounge, fitted kitchen, cloakroom, conservatory and three bedrooms and also benefits from hot air system, double glazing, off road parking, garage and alarm.

On the ground floor the cloakroom has a low level WC and wash hand basin while the lounge – 13ft 5in by 22ft – has patio doors to the rear conservatory measuring 8ft 6in by 15ft 1in and with access to the rear garden.

Kitchen

The kitchen, 13ft4in by 9ft 2in, has a range of wall and base units, sink and drainer, work surfaces, gas cooker point and plumbing for washing machine.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with bath with shower over, wash hand basin and WC.

Outside to the front is off road parking and a lawned area with borders and shrubs and to the rear a slabbed patio area, borders and shrubs.

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SMETHWICK

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Offers around £138,500

BEARWOOD

Wattis Road

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OLDBURY

Heron Road

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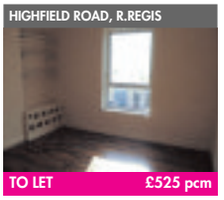
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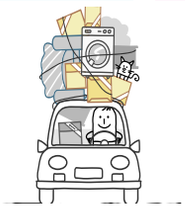

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- Off road parking
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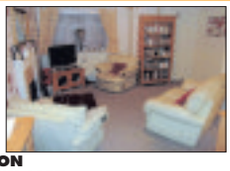

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- Three bedroom end terrace
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

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NEW

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- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen and utility room
- Bathroom and separate WC
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking and rear garden

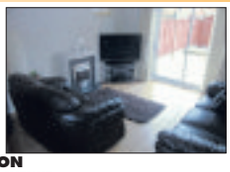
£167,000

JANUARY SALE

TIPTON
GREAT MEADOW

- Modern three bedroom detached family home
- Through lounge/dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- En suite to master bedroom plus family bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Front and rear gardens

WAS £174,995 NOW £169,995

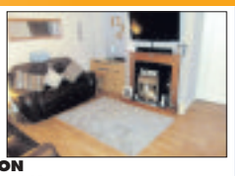


NEW

TIPTON
ST HELENS AVENUE

- Two bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Upstairs family bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Paved rear garden

£94,995



NEW

TIPTON
EASTFIELD ROAD

- Three bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen diner
- Downstairs Wc
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Front and rear gardens

£89,995

JANUARY SALE

TIPTON
PARK LANE EAST

- Six bedroomed detached
- Potential to convert to three 2-bedroom flats
- Needs complete refurbishment

WAS £140,000 NOW OIRO £134,995

NEW

TIPTON
SHAW ROAD

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden
- In need of modernisation

£84,995

NEW

BILSTON
CONSTANTINE WAY

- Modern four bedroom detached
- Lounge/dining room
- Study and conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen and utility
- En suite to master bedroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Driveway for several vehicles
- Front and rear gardens

£209,995

NEW

TIPON
NEWCOMEN DRIVE

- Four bedroom detached
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen and utility
- Downstairs WC
- En suite to master bedroom
- Gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking and garage
- Front and rear gardens

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JANUARY SALE

OLDBURY
ASCOT CLOSE

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Double glazing
- Gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road prking
- Front and rear gardens

WAS £129,995 NOW £124,995

NEW

TIPTON
ELIZABETH WALK

- Three bedroom detached property
- Entrance porch
- Through lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Detached garage to rear
- Front, side and rear gardens
- In need of some modernisation

£159,995

NEW

TIPTON
THE OAKS

- Three bedroom dormer bungalow
- Fitted kitchen and open plan lounge
- En suite to master bedroom
- Downstairs bathroom
- Still covered by Premier Guarantee
- Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- Off road parking and rear garden

£159,995

NEW

TIPTON
COBURG CROFT

- Three bedroom modern detached
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- En suite to master bedroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Front and rear gardens

£147,995

NEW

TIPTON
WOODING CRESCENT

- Extended three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge/dining room
- Extended kitchen
- Conservatory
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Family bathroom
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£144,995

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NEW

TIPTON
PEAKE DRIVE

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Study
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Concrete print driveway
- Rear garden

£142,995

NEW

TIPTON
KEYWORTH CLOSE

- Two bedroom modern semi detached
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- En suite to master bedroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£114,995

NEW

COSELEY
EARL STREET

- Modern three bedroom two and a half storey semi detached
- Fitted kitchen and lounge
- Upstairs bathroom and downstairs WC
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£106,000

NEW

TIPTON
BILSTON ROAD

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Double garage to rear
- Off road parking
- Front and rear gardens

£104,995

NEW

TIPTON
GOSPEL OAK ROAD

- Two bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£94,995

NEW

TIPTON
GOSPEL OAK ROAD

- Two bedroom semi detached
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge
- Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£94,995

TIPTON
CONEYGREE ROAD

- Three bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Rear garden
- Off road parking for two vehicles

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NEW

TIPTON
HAWTHORNE ROAD

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- Lounge
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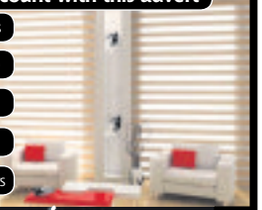

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THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL
(OVEREND STREET, WEST BROMWICH)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell, in order to facilitate the demolition of No.90 Overend Street, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, has made an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicles from proceeding in Overend Street, West Bromwich from its junction with Herbert Street to its junction with Legge Street.
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via High Street, Bull Street and vice-versa.
3. The Order will take effect on 28th January 2013, it is expected that the work will be complete and the road re-opened by 8th February 2013. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
4. Any queries about the work should be directed to Christina Wallace of Sandwell MBC (Urban Design and Building Services) who can be contacted on 0121 569 4561 the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Highway Services on 0845 359 7518.

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL
(CRADLEY ROAD, CRADLEY HEATH)
(TEMPORARY ONE-WAY) ORDER 2013

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell, in order to facilitate work to the water main in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, has made an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicles from proceeding in Cradley Road, Cradley Heath from its junction with Chester Road to its junction with High Street other than in a southerly direction.
2. The alternative route for southbound vehicles will be via Chester Road and Lower High Street..
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4. Any queries about the work should be directed to Mark Hicklin of Integrated Water Services who can be contacted on 07966 650796 and those relating to the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Highway Services on 0845 359 7518.

DATED this 24th day of January 2013
N SHARMA
Director of Legal and Governance Services
Sandwell Council House,
Oldbury, West Midlands

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE M5 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 3) AND A456 TRUNK ROAD
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M5 Motorway and the A456 Trunk Road in the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley, to allow bridge repair works to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to –

(1) close –
- (a) the slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 3; and
- (b) the slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 3;

(2) impose a 30 miles per hour speed restriction on –
- (a) the circulatory carriageway of the A456 at its roundabout junction with the slip roads leading to and from the M5 at Junction 3;
- (b) the eastbound carriageway of the A456 from a point 75 metres west of the roundabout described in (2)(a) above to that roundabout;
- (c) a length of the slip road described in (1)(a) above, from a point 50 metres south of the roundabout described in (2)(a) above to that roundabout;
- (d) a length of the slip road described in (1)(b) above, from a point 50 metres north east of the roundabout described in (2)(a) above to that roundabout;

(3) impose a 50 miles per hour speed restriction on –
- (a) the northbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 10 metres south of Frankley Green Lane underbridge to a point 270 metres north of the centreline of the northern overbridge of the roundabout described in (2)(a) above;
- (b) the southbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 50 metres north of the centreline of Landsdowne Road overbridge to a point 10 metres north of Carters Lane overbridge;
- (c) a length of the slip road described in (1)(a) above, from its junction with the northbound carriageway to a point 50 metres south west of the roundabout described in (2)(a) above;
- (d) a length of the slip road described in (1)(b) above, from its junction with the southbound carriageway to a point 50 metres north east of the roundabout described in (2)(a) above;

The work is expected to start at 00.01 hours on Monday 11 February 2013 and continue for approximately seven weeks. The closures will take place over night. The Order will come into force on 8 February 2013.

Vehicles being used by the special forces will be exempt from the speed restrictions. Vehicles being used by the emergency services will be exempt from the speed restrictions and closures and vehicles being used in connection with the works or by a traffic officer will be exempt from the closures. Diversion routes via Junction 2 or Junction 4 will be well signed.

For further information, please contact Matthew Taylor on 0121 687 2550.

Mike Lloyd, A Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL
(WALSALL STREET, WEDNESBURY)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TURNING) ORDER 2013

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in order to facilitate work to a gas main by Morgan Sindall (who are working on behalf of National Grid Gas) the Borough Council of Sandwell intends, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from making the following manoeuvres into or out of Walsall Street, Wednesbury:
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No local heroes as four are beaten

PRIZEFIGHTER couldn't produce a local hero at Wolverhampton Civic Hall as all the West Midland contingent lost at the first hurdle.

Glenn Foot won £34,000 in the eight-man, three-rounds-a-fight contest.

Stourbridge's Sam Eggington and Steven Pearce, Birmingham's Calum Cooper and Stafford's Rob Hunt made early exits but banked £4,000 each.

Saturday's welterweight show saw Eggington become the youngest to appear in Prizefighter, beating Patrick Mendy's record by 180 days, in a battle with Dale Evans.

The 19-year-old is a two-time national amateur champion for Warley ABC, winning the Clubs for Young People and ABA Novice titles. But he has had just three professional fights.

Fought

He walked on to a right hook and was close to being on the deck, but fought back.

Judges ruled for Evans, one by 30-27. Others gave Eggington a round.

Pearce attacked Foot in an even first round but, in the second, dropped his head as Foot put in a right hook which hit the back of the skull. It could have been deemed illegal.

Pearce beat the count but was quickly stopped.

As Cooper tackled Chad Gaynor he took a pasting and was stopped in the first.

Hunt, against bookies' favourite Mark Thompson, was ruled unable to continue after a cut under the eye.

A semi-final saw Thompson against Evans and the latter edged through 29-28.

Foot, through on points against Gaynor in the other semi, took a razor-thin split decision for the title.

Birmingham bantamweight Kal Yafai stopped Mexican Gonzalo Garcia in four rounds.

College retain hockey crown

MORE THAN 1,500 students battled it out in the TradePoint British Colleges Sport West Midlands regional tournaments.

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Birmingham Metropolitan College retained their men's regional hockey crown.

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This is the fourth week of the training programme, but don't worry if other commitments – and the weather – have prevented you from going out. There is still plenty of time to catch up with the training schedule.

There are no entries on the day. Fill in the entry form, or download one from www.actionheartrunning.com

You can also enter online at www.runbritain.com

Cost is £11 for registered club runners and £13 for non-club members. In return, you will receive your official race number and information. Sponsorship forms are automatically sent out with running numbers.

Now for the fourth week's training schedule which is only slightly increased from last week, giving those of you who have suffered a setback a chance to catch up, or get started.

Training: Week Four

Monday: Rest
Tuesday: Two-mile jog
Wednesday: 1.5-mile run
Thursday: Rest
Friday: Two-mile jog
Saturday: Rest
Sunday: Three-mile jog/walk

Chairman hopes to celebrate home win

DUDLEY HEATHENS chairman Nigel Pearson wants to see a home winner in two major events at the club this year.

The former Cradley club, who will again race home meetings at Wolverhampton's Monmore circuit in 2013, have been awarded the British Under-21 final on April 23.

And they have confirmed the staging of the Golden Hammer individual meeting on Tuesday, July 16, in partnership with Dudley Stroke Association.

On the team front, Dudley have been paired over two legs against Buxton in the National League knockout cup with the first encounter at home.

Pearson says both the individual events are sure to pull in bumper crowds.

"Since we relaunched in 2010 we have never had a home winner in the Golden Hammer. I would love to see that change," he said.

"And it would be fantastic if we could provide the British Under-21 champion on our home track."

"We staged the British Under-21 final for the first time last year.

Promoted

"The British Speedway Promoters' Association are obviously happy with what we did because they have offered it to us once again."

Dudley went close to a home winner in the 2012 British Under-21 final when Tom Perry was runner-up.

Ironically, winner Joe Haines later rode for the Heathens in the play-offs as a short-term cover for injured skipper Adam Roynon.

Pearson says the revival of the Golden Hammer has been one of the highlights in the Heathens success story.

"I would think all Heathens fans are putting July 16 in their diary now," he said.

"It's a simple formula: 20 heats with the highest scorer winning the Hammer.

"The meeting always attracts fabulous interest and I am delighted to say the Isle of Wight and ourselves have reached agreement that they won't run that night which allows us to invite Perry, Darryl Ritchings and Byron Bekker back to the club to race in the meeting.

"It's good to see two clubs working together and we thank the Islanders management for their assistance."

A thundering good old derby entertains

Albion 2 Villa 2

NOW that's what you call a derby. A full-pelt, rousing, thundering exchange driven by passion and commitment which never spilled over into anything nasty and which fairly crackled along with attacking zeal.

It was an Albion-Villa contest worthy of old, ***writes Martin Swain.***

And if high prizes are no longer at stake, then at least both teams emerged with a sense of gaining more than just a point.

For a few weeks we've wondered where the Albion team we saw deliver a pulsating second-half recovery on Saturday had gone. Welcome back; more of the same please.

To watch Villa loosen Albion's rivets in a surging first 45 minutes electrified by the thrilling combination of Messrs Christian Benteke, Gabby Agbonlahor and Charles N'Zogbia was to wonder how on earth they have got themselves into such a mess.

Exhilarating

But they are and manager Paul Lambert knows better than anyone the answer.

Villa's glaring lack of experience behind an exhilarating front trio leaves them unable to control a game for long enough to take advantage of such weaponry.

When the Baggies emerged from the interval to up the tempo – as Villa must have expected – they instantly became dominant.

And that's how it stayed to the end; Lambert has no-one to call on battle-hardened enough to put down a revival.

We should not complain because entertainment was rich and dramatic and got The Hawthorns throbbing.

It was difficult to believe this was the stadium which, a few nights earlier, was half empty and soporific as an under-performing Albion let slip their one genuine chance of silverware this season as they went out of the FA Cup against Queens Park Rangers.

Peter Odemwingie swivels to blast home Albion's last-gasp equaliser

Liam Ridgewell under pressure from Villa's Brett Holman

Instead we had the kind of game which explains, instantly and memorably, why the Premier League is the world's leading football brand. It cannot and should not claim to be the best, but the rest of the globe worships at the altar of its capacity to deliver contests such as this one.

Key points came with the flow of the game. Villa opened with the verve and freedom of men seeking a fresh start.

One reason why Lambert enjoys an extended period of understanding is his determination to wage battles on the front foot and with that formidable front three unhinging Albion's back-line, his reward was two well-deserved goals in half-an-hour.

The first was another Benteke thunderbolt after eluding Claudio Yacob and catching Gareth McAuley napping. It was an echo of Cyrille Regis but, unfortunately for Albion, in the wrong shirt.

The second was coolly taken by Agbonlahor after Albion were exposed in a way emphasising how relieved they will be to get a fully-fit Yacob and Youssouf Mulumbu back in tandem.

A turning point, however, might have been Ben Foster's save four minutes from half-time preventing Eric Lichaj scoring.

A 3-0 lead would have muted half-time discussions but they knew a two-goal deficit was well within range.

Although Chris Brunt bent a first in off the post after four minutes, they had to wait until the 85th minute for Peter Odemwingie to volley home from a McAuley header at a corner to ensure their point.

It was what came in between which will have relieved home fans who saw Albion rediscover the drive to go with their qualities.

Some fans indulge in a parlour game entitled: "At what price would you sell Odemwingie?" since QPR came calling but this was a performance from the Nigeria international rendering such debates irresponsible. Recent input of Jerome Thomas, a first-half substitute for injured Yacob, has freshened up a team in danger of going stale.

Albion will hope to use the momentum of their thrilling recovery to take a season that was in danger of stalling back into a forward gear while Villa are left reminded of familiar strengths but even more obvious failings.

Ron Vlaar's return bolstered the defence but they still look susceptible down the flanks and in dealing with crosses. With no serious funds available while the window is open, Villa are likely to remain a team which will too easily concede goals – thrusting their survival hopes on the undoubted offensive talents we saw for half of this derby.

Will that be enough? Heaven knows – but it's better than nothing. Just ask Albion.

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Aussie is the fifth rider to sign up

BIRMINGHAM Speedway have confirmed Australian Jason Doyle as their fifth rider for 2013.

He will arrive fresh from a successful campaign in his domestic championships, where he finished fifth behind winner Troy Batchelor.

Doyle links up with Chris Harris, Danny King, Josh Auty and Nicolas Covatti in the Brummies' side.

And the 27-year-old is looking for an usual treble – he won the Elite League last year with Swindon and the 2011 crown in the colours of Poole.

Doyle will also double-up, riding for Somerset in the Premier League.

Selco Brummies co-promoter Graham Drury said: 'Jason is just the rider we want here and he's a great addition.

"He also loves the Birmingham track and I'm sure we're going to see some big scores from him."

Meanwhile, the tug of war over the services of Ben Barker shows signs of ending.

The Brummies are keen to retain the Cornishman on loan, but parent club Coventry wanted to include him in their 2013 line-up.

However, the Bees have now completed their side by signing Polish rider Grzegorz Zengota which may help clear the way for the Brummies.

Club needs youngsters

WEDNESBURY Cricket Club are looking for the next generation of players.

The club want players in all age groups from seven to 17.

Under-11s – school years four, five and six – train from 6-7pm on Mondays at Wodensborough School, Hydes Road, Wednesbury.

Under-13s – years seven and eight – feature from 6-8pm on alternate Wednesdays starting February 6 at Wood Green School, Wood Green Road, Wednesbury.

Under-15 and under-17 players – years nine, 10, 11, and 12 – are at the same venue on alternate Wednesdays starting January 30 at the same venue.

Each session is taken by ECB qualified coaches. For more details, call Roy Lord on 07738 293817, email rl80295@live.co.uk or visit the website www.wednesbury.play-cricket.com

TCR sign Davies for Supercup battle

Motor racing

WEDNESBURY team Total Control Racing have signed a new driver in their bid to retain the Ginetta GT Supercup.

They have snapped up reigning G50 class champion Mark Davies to challenge for the outright title in his first season in the championship's top tier.

Having steered Carl Breeze to an emotional Supercup triumph last year, TCR are determined to remain on top.

The deal with Davies gives the squad one of the quickest drivers in the series. The 31-year-old is a triple title winner already in Ginetta machinery, having won the Ginetta Challenge in 2009 and 2011 and the G50 crown last season.

Bidding for a fourth Ginetta title, he is expected to be a genuine championship contender this year.

Davies dominated G50 last year with 14 victories from 23 races. He was off the podium only twice all year and had the title sewn up with a race to spare. He then stepped up to the headline G55 class for the season finale at the Brands Hatch Grand Prix circuit in Kent where he won two of the three races.

TCR principal Lee Brookes said: "Mark's a fantastic driver to have in the team. He's won the Ginetta Challenge in the G20 car and the G40 car; last year he won in the G50 so we want to try and win the G55 with him.

"He's very quick as he proved at the end of last season with his first outing in a G55. He'll definitely be fighting for the title."

From his early days racing in Stock-Hatch and then the Renault UK Clio Cup, Huddersfield racer Davies has been one of the most competitive drivers in national motor racing and hopes for a fourth Ginetta title in five seasons.

"Ever since back in the days when I raced in Clios, TCR was always one of the top teams," he said. "It's always been my ambition to drive for them."

The first event of the season is at the Brands Hatch Indy circuit on Easter weekend, March 30-31.

Driver Mark Davies

JASON OUTCLASSED BY CHAMP FRANKIE

ROWLEY REGIS' Jason Welborn was outclassed by a superb performance from British welterweight champion Frankie Gavin as his title dream ended at Walsall Town Hall.

by Craig Birch

Welborn was stopped on his feet by referee Ian John-Lewis after previously being put down by a right hook to the body, as Gavin gave him short shrift in his first defence.

From the opening bell, Gavin's hands and feet never stopped moving as he gave Welborn the runaround before firing off jabs as he moved in and out of trouble.

Welborn looked flat-footed with tactics successful in Midland title defences against James Flinn and Scott Haywood.

As he got room to use his power Gavin used skill to ensure he didn't go the same way. Welborn landed a right hook to the body in the second but Gavin fired back a right uppercut that dazed his opponent, forcing him to clench as he recovered.

Cornering Gavin, Welborn let his hands go but his opponent used head movement to spot an opening and then jab his way out.

Decider

It was one-way and the decider came in the seventh as a shot dropped Welborn to his knees, although he managed the count.

He hadn't recovered and went into the ropes under more shots and, with Gavin connecting at will despite him covering up, the man in the middle acted swiftly.

Walsall's Martin Gethin took the vacant British lightweight crown at Walsall Town Hall against Hove's Ben Murphy.

Pressure told in the ninth. Gethin made height and range count to pin Murphy back before hooks to the body, referee Marcus McDonnell intervening.

Walsall's Christopher Keane made it a home double, taking the vacant Midlands cruiserweight belt by halting Shane McPhilbin.

McPhilbin, British champ at the turn of last year, took an uppercut to the jaw but answered the count before visiting the canvas again, twice, with body shots. In the third Keane, 2009 ABA super heavyweight champ as an amateur, had the edge.

Two first-round stoppages opened the show before BoxNation cameras went live.

Cannock's 'Handsome' Dave Egan, in with Ricky Stock at welterweight, brought his guard down with hooks on the gloves, before a knockout right.

Birmingham super-middleweight Andrew Robinson put down Leamington Spa's John Mason three times, the last a flurry from both sides, three seconds before the end of the session.

As BoxNation's broadcast started rolling, Stafford's Grant Cunningham stepped up to six rounds against Mitch Mitchell.

Cunningham put him down in the corner with a stinging right hook to the body in the fourth round, but 'Mad' Mitchell survived to the end.

Jason Welborn, right, attacks in his plucky attempt to relieve Frankie Gavin of the British welterweight title

Olympic cash aid boost for Tividale

TIVIDALE football club will bank £50,000 after being handed a grant from the National Lottery.

The club will invest in an all-weather playing surface after £1.5m was awarded to 29 sports groups in the West Midlands.

The Sport England cash is to improve local facilities, create new venues for grassroots sport and allow local clubs to buy the facilities they use.

Midland Alliance side Tividale will build a five-a-side surface for the whole club to use and secretary Leon Murray said it was important to the community.

He said: "Without this money we wouldn't be able to do it. It's not just for the football club, though. We're a thriving club and have a very young social side off it.

"We run an academy on Friday with about 50 to 60 youngsters and at the moment they train on the pitch. We will be able to move the kids onto the new surface."

Cannock rugby club have also been given £50,000 with the fund, part of Sport England's Places People Play Olympic and Paralympic legacy programme.

All improved facilities carry the London 2012 Inspire mark – celebrating the link to the Games.

Sport England's Chair, Richard Lewis, said: "This National Lottery investment is helping us deliver a lasting sporting legacy in the area from last year's successful Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"This is the legacy people want for their local community."

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